

Speculum Anni :

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SEASON on the SEASONS.

BEING AN

ALMANACK

For the Year of our LORD 1768,

Being the

BISSEXTILE, or LEAP-YEAR.

WHEREIN

Are all Things needful for such a WORK; as the Sun's rising and setting, the Moon the same, and Southing for Six Months; Planets Places and Aspects, Eclipses, Judgment on the Weather, and on the Quartet, Astrological Monthly Poetry, New Enigmas, and Observations useful and entertaining.

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an Investigator of Truth.

"He hath give me the true Knowledge of the
" Things, that are, the Situation of the Stars,
" the Diversities of the Plants, and the Virtue
" of Herbs." Wisd. ch. vi. ver. 20. &c.

"Move o primum datus ante omnia musa, ac
" piant: celestisque uiris: et sidera ministrant defec-
" tus soi: varios: luraque labores." Virg. Georg.

This little Book a small Epitome,
Of that more large you in the Heavens see;
The glorious Stars (I mean) whereby is shown,
That Wisdom which no Atheist dare disown;
These massy Globes teach us well to understand,
Must be the Skill of an Almighty Hand;
The same great God has given Man to know
Their Motion, Tour, and Influence below.

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L U N D O N

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FRIENDLY READER,

BY the divine Goodness, I have presented thee with one more SPECULUM, which I hope will prove as acceptable to thee as my former ones have been; of which I am thoroughly satisfied, by the Number of Letters I lately received from different Parts of the Kingdom; for thy Sake, Reader, and to oblige some select Friends, I have ventur'd to expose this Writing to the merciless Censure of Criticks; formerly I run the Gauntlet between a great Number of them, and weather'd out a great deal of scurrilous Treatment from them; some of which I have silenc'd, and the rest are fallen asleep; so at present, Thanks to God, I enjoy a sort of Halcyon Pleasure. Whatever some may conceive, there is much Care and Circumspection as well as Labour in compiling an ALMANACK, even more than a Sermon or a Play; the Auditor of either of them can't be above a Parish or Two no way comparable to the Readers of an ALMANACK, which may serve a Kingdom or Two; and when the Writer has exerted his Skill and used his utmost Pains and melancholy Care, he is look'd on by the most not scarce equal to a Mechanick, and often by many an illiterate Clown and others, his Character is stigmatiz'd with the vilest of Names, viz. Conjurer, and why? only because he is an ALMANACK Writer.

Be it known to all Men, I utterly defy, abhor and detest any Art, Invention, or Means as may any way support or uphold the Kingdom of Darkness, but rather strive to demolish it; neither in Writing or otherwise whatsoever have I propagated, countenanc'd or conniv'd at any Vice, or Folly, tho' ever so much in Vogue, but have endeavoured to suppress and abolish it; and to recommend and exhort to its opposite Virtue, (tho' to small or no Purpose.) As to Astrology, in that Latitude I profess it in, 'tis free from all fatal Necessity, or intermeddling with the Divine Providence, or other Superstition; I do and can support and prove it has been embraced by the wisest and best of Men; and not impugned by Scripture: And it is an indispensable Handmaid to Physick, neither is it possible any one can be compleat Master of Physick without a Knowledge of the Heavenly Bodies, as Doctor Mead, and Hundreds of his Predecessors have taught and abundantly demonstrated. The two great Founders of Physick, *Hippocrates* and *Galen*, both enjoin'd their Pupils to

get themselves well acquainted with the Nature of the Stars ; but that Precept and the rest of their Doctrine is rejected and set at naught now a days amongst our modern Practitioners : Phyick is a poor Track at present, (or in no Track at all) scarce deserves the Name of a Science, as it is now made Use of by many, who practise with little or no Concern with any Philosophick Reasoning, or Mechanick Demonstration : Phyick by such, moves at present on the Hinges of whimsical Fashion, and ~~with~~ random Imitations. O ! *monsterum* : Books and Botany are spurn'd both out of Doors. (More in my Observations on this Head.) Besides what I hinted at before. Another disgusting Point attends the Writer of an ALMANACK ; when he has exerted all his Care to send out his Work compleat, he is still liable to the Blunders and Neglect of the Printer, and so his Works come out mutilated by the bad Midwifery of the Printer, as 'twas in mine last Year : The Weather left out for March, no *Good Friday*, and a third Part of the *Planets Aspects* not printed ; (yet was printed better than formerly) as to inserting an Enigma, I am assured the greater Part of my Readers very much approve of it, and take it as an agreeable Amusement to exercize their Genius's on : How mean soever some may conceive of an Enigma, in Ages past some Kings famous in Learning had them in great Estimation ; and in this present Age several Wits of both Sexes, are highly entertained and pleased with them. Last Year I received a great Number of wrong Answers to mine, (which I don't think was a difficult one.) The true Answer was, an ALMANACK ; which was Answered by the Son of the Rev. Mr. Rolt, Rector of Broomham ; by Thomas Hedges, now Dead ; by Mr. B. nts, Broomham ; by Mrs. Moly Pead ; Mr. Bradfield, Barwick, Wilts. Mr. Sloper, Devizes ; Mr. William Vizer, Easton Gray, Wilts. Mr. J. Vine, Heathfield, Suffx ; Mr. Dyke, Manningford, in Vect. To the Second I had but one Answer, by an Officer in the Army, Mr. Charles Hutton ; the Reason why so few answered it, I conceive, so few understood the Terms of Art belonging to Falconry.

Mr. JOHN DYKE's Answer.

A Crew of Infidels there be,
 Of Principles most vile ;
 Astronomy that curious Art,
 These profane Souls revile :
 A Writer of an *Almanack*
 A Conjuror is deem'd ;
 Though his Predictions prove exact,
 He's not by them esteem'd :
 But be it known to all such Fops,
 That Art will not decline,
 But always will be lov'd and priz'd,
 Until the End of Time.

Mr. HUTTON's Answer to the 2d Enigma.

When the French Monarch sought the Irish Shore,
 Awaiting Winds to waft his Navy o'er ;
 Then did thy Bird* display his warlike Train,
 A hundred Beaks cou'd plough the wat'ry Main ;
 With grappling Talons fasten'd on his Prey,
 On Canvas Plumes he bore the Prize away.

* This is meant Admiral Hawke.

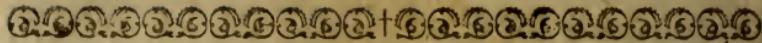
The first Quære was Answered by Mr. Hitchcock of *Aubury, Wilts.* which was *Pride* ; which he writes is always ally'd to *Folly*, the never failing Vice of Fools, as Mr. Pope has observed.

The second Quære was Answered by Mr. James Adams of *Clayfield, Oxon.* (tho' he mist the Enigma) his Answers were the most abstruse Thing to know was to know *One's self*; the same Answer I had from Mr. Dyke.

The

The Author's Twenty-Second ÆNIGMA.

Poets of old and fam'd Historians tell,
Things marvellous to make their Volumes swell
Pliny for this remarkable we find,
Who wrote of Things surpassing human Mind ;
Others have told of Beasts will quench a Fire,
And some of Fishes flying in the Air ;
That there's a Fly makes men to dance and skip,
And a small Fish that can obstruct a Ship ;
Vast other Things in Nature found and Art,
Though small in Bulk, yet Miracles impart ;
The same alike of what I now shall treat,
It's wonderous Acts, hear itself repeat :
I own I am a diminutive Thing,
Yet can repulse a Lion or a King ;
And on a Time, I need not tell you when,
I did prevent a puissant Host of Men ;
In Foreign Lands I'm often put in Trust,
To be a Bridle to unbridled Lust ;
In other Climes I'm held of Dignity,
And honour'd much by the most Holy See ;
On high and low I constant do attend,
The Villain's Foe, the honest Patriot's Friend ;
Of no great Stock or Family I came,
Yet there be some do not disdain my Name ;
The Character is good which I do bear,
And Things of Worth committed to my Care ;
Yet I like some that's found among the great,
Have turn'd out Hypocrite and Counterfeit ;
In the four Elements I have been seen,
Naked, unhurt, without a Fence or Screen ;
With Jove 'tis thought I have obtain'd a Place,
As oft' with Pluto among th' Infernal Race ;
With Sons of Neptune I do often ride,
Nay, more than once been near a Female's Side.



A New ÆNIGMA by Mr. CHARLES ROLT, *Broomham,*

Blameless myself, I bear another's Blame,
Shameless besides to hide another's Shame ;
Strip'd to the Skin, my Honour thrown aside,
I'm made the Instrument of Others Pride ;
Not Holy Martyrs greater Pains befel,
When try'd they prov'd the utmost Rage of Hell ;
My Limbs cut off, my Head and Body torn,
I rest a Spectacle that none will mourn ;
Then to my Help a skilful Surgeon flies,
Plasters my Wound, and Ligatures applies ;
Makes deep Incisions, healing Balsams pours,
And Life renew'd, to all it's Force restores.

A New ACROSTICK R E B U S.

What most do partake of that live to be old,
What found in the Sex Men precious do hold ;
A Thing that the Prop of our Lives does contain,
And an Engine by which some Hundreds are slain ;
With the Name of a City fam'd in the East,
And the Name of a Reptile that infests Man and Beast,
And a Creature that's often dish'd up at a Feast :
These Initials when join'd will give you a Name,
Of an innocent Man oft' hurt with ill Fame.

A New QUÆRE or Two.

If the Planets do not bias, or have no Force in human Bodies, (as many won't allow) what is the Occasion Children born of the same Parents do vary so much in their Temper of Mind ? and are often quite opposite in their natural Disposition of Body and Mind ?

Quære 2. Is there any such Thing as a true disinterested Friendship to be found in the World ?

Quære 3. Whether what St. Paul has Prophesied should come to pass in the last Days, 2 Tim. Chap. 3. Ver. 6 and 7. Is it not fulfilled now in this present Age.

The

A TABLE for the Moon's Southing for 6 Months, which
I presume may be sufficient for Farmers, and all such
as breed Cattle; may serve also Watermen and others
that travel during the 6 Months under named.

M	Feb	March	April	May	June	July
D	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
1	11 3 16	10 A. 45	11 A. 38	11 53	1 M 9	1 M 36
2	Morn.	11 28	Morn.	Morn.	2 2	2 26
3	0 47	Morn.	1 2	1 30	2 55	3 15
4	1 30	0 50	1 47	2 22	3 46	4 3
5	2 9	1 31	2 36	3 15	4 35	4 52
6	2 50	2 13	3 28	4 7	5 23	5 41
7	3 31	2 50	4 20	4 59	6 11	6 33
8	4 12	3 43	5 13	5 50	7 0	7 27
9	4 57	4 32	6 6	6 40	7 51	8 25
10	5 45	5 25	6 59	7 28	8 45	9 26
11	6 36	6 18	7 50	8 18	9 42	10 26
12	7 30	7 13	8 42	9 9	10 43	11 25
13	8 25	8 48	9 33	10 3	11 45	p noon.
14	9 22	9 2	10 26	11 2	p.noon.	0 21
15	10 18	9 56	11 20	p.noon.	0 48	1 11
16	11 14	10 48	p.noon.	0 6	1 45	1 58
17	p.noon.	11 40	0 20	1 8	2 37	2 42
18	0 8	p.noon.	1 20	2 9	3 25	3 23
19	1 0	0 37	2 22	3 9	4 10	4 5
20	1 52	1 32	3 22	4 3	4 52	4 47
21	2 45	2 39	4 21	4 52	5 33	5 30
22	3 40	3 30	5 18	5 38	6 14	6 13
23	4 36	4 30	6 9	6 21	6 55	7 0
24	5 34	5 29	6 57	7 2	7 38	7 50
25	6 32	6 25	7 41	7 42	8 22	8 42
26	7 28	7 18	8 23	8 23	9 11	9 35
27	8 23	8 7	9 3	9 5	10 3	10 29
28	9 14	8 52	9 43	9 48	10 57	11 20
29	10 2	9 36	10 24	10 34	11 51	Morn.
30	10 16	11 27	11 24	Morn.	1	9
31	10 57					1 59

MICRO-CHRONICON.

	Years
SINCE <i>Cæsar</i> fix'd the Boundaries of the Year	1811
Since <i>Nero's</i> Per'ecution was severe	1708
Since <i>Conſtantine</i> in the Air a Cross beheld	1456
Since <i>Mabomet</i> his Heresi's impell'd	1146
Since King <i>Ethelstan</i> at <i>Malmſb'ry</i> was inter'd	828
The <i>Normand</i> Battard to our Crown inter'd	702
Since Fifteen Days continu'd here a Thunder	548
Since a Whore a Witch fill'd the <i>French</i> with Wonder	337
Since Men in Coaches here began to ride	213
Th' invenom'd Weed here in <i>England</i> try'd	183
Since <i>Rawleigh</i> by Envy fell a Sacrifice	153
Since <i>Bacon</i> liv'd, whose Works all Men ought to prize	141
Since pious <i>Charles</i> suffer'd a cruel Fate,	{ 119
From Sons of <i>Belial</i> Devils incarnate	
Since a great Frost from whence our Corn grew dear	59
The Sun at 9 a frightful Mask did wear	53
Since my great Friend <i>Nicholas</i> no more was seen,	{ 29
And Hospitality all fell with him	
Since Men be—sh—t their Noses with nasty Snuff,	{ 27
None of those Apes will hearken to Reprooſ	
Since that our Style was fet in better Light,	{ 16
But ſome thick-Sculs will ne'er conceive it right	
Since <i>Bing</i> was ſhot 'cause he abhorred Fighting,	{ 15
Whose Death I once foretold in my Writing	
Since Wars were o'er which Wealth us'd to augment,	5
Since Famine a greater Curse among us ſent,	{ 2
By Tricks of Knavery, Jobbers do invent.	

An Epigram on *Snuff-Taking*, Requested by ſome Friends.

Can Men pretend to Reason or good Sense,
 When to their Brain they offer Violence ;
 To ape the *Hortentots* in Natiſness,
 And Snuff up that which is abhor'd by Beast ;
 What's more abſurd to Men of sober thinking ?
 Why is there found a Fellowship in ſtinking ?
 And you fine Women pray now don't you huff,
 You can't be ſweet and cleanly and take Snuff :
 This for your Penance ſeveral have been wiſhing,
 That you might be depriv'd one half your K ſting ;
 If you'll perſuit each Nose to proſtitute,
 May no Night-Duty Husbands execute.

A TABLE

A TABLE of TERMS and their RETURNS.

Hilary Term begins Jan. 23, and ends February 12.

>Returns or Estoigne-Days.	E. R. A.
In eight days of St. Hilary,	Jan. 20 21 22 23
From the day of St. Hilary, in 15 days,	27 28 29 30
On the Morrow of the Purif. Blesſ. Mary,	Feb. 3 4 5 6
In eight days of the Purif. of Blesſ. Mary,	9 10 11 12

Easter Term begins April 20, ends May 16.

From the day of Easter in 15 Days,	April 17 18 19 20
From the day of Easter in 3 Weeks,	24 25 26 27
From the day of Easter in 1 Month,	May 1 2 3 4
From the day of Easter in 5 Weeks,	8 9 10 11
On the Morrow of the Ascension,	13 14 15 16

Trinity Term begins June 3, ends June 22.

On the Morrow of the Holy Trinity,	May 30 31 J. 1 3
In eight days of the Holy Trinity,	June 5 6 7 8
From the day of the Holy Trinity in 15 Days,	12 13 14 15
From the day of the Holy Trinity in 3 Weeks	19 20 21 22

Michaelmas Term begins Nov. 6, ends Nov. 28.

On the Morrow of All Souls,	Nov. 3 4 5 6
On the Morrow of St. Martin,	12 13 14 15
In eight days of St. Martin,	18 19 20 21
From the day of St. Martin, in 15 Days,	25 26 27 28

N. B. No Sittings in Westminster-Hall on Ascension-day, Midsummer-day, and the 2d of February.

The Exchequer opens eight Days before any Term begins, except Trinity, before which it opens but four Days.

Note, That the first and last Days of every Term, are the first and last Days of Appearance.

A Lawyer found that acts an honest Part,
Must be allow'd a Man of great Desert ;
That takes no Bribe, nor does a Thing that's wrong,
Nor splits a Case, or spins it out too long,
Such shall be praised by my Pen and Tongue :
By some 'tis said in Earnest or in Jest,
That Half a Sheep will all such Lawyers 'east ;
Ye that as 'twill, this Maxim I hold still,
A Lawyer may be honest if he will.

January hath XXXI Days.

Full Moon the 4th Day, at 4 H'ur 20 Min. Morn.

1st Quarter the 12th Day, at 4 in the Morn.

New Moon the 19th Day, 6 H. past Noon.

First Quarter the 26th Day, at 1 H. 30 near Noon.

Though I grow old the Speculum's ren w'd,
And mystic Truths you'll find it doth include.

M	W	Remarkable Days, &c.	○	☽	II	☽ Sets.	♂	♀	☿	☿ Sets.	Mut. & Asp. & Weath.
D	D		wp	d.	m.	n.	m	z	t	1	
1	a	Circumcision.	11	○	25	5 M 40	1	24	18		Cold dry
2	b	7 Stars set 11m.	12	21	○	6 43	12	25	19		Wind soon
3	c	2 Sun. aft. Chr.	13	4	24	7 35	3	26	20		change.
4	d	past 4 in morn.	14	17	35	D Rites	3	27	22	* ♀ ♀	
5	e		15	○	31	5 A. 36	4	28	23		A little
6	f	Epiphany.	16	13	10	6 51	5	29	24		Snow or
7	g	Venus is a	17	25	32	8 2	5	1	25		Rain.
8	a	Morning Star	18	7	40	9 12	6	1	26		
9	b	till 12 August	19	19	41	10 23	7	2	28		Coldwind
10	c	1 Sun. aft. Ep.	20	1	38	11 31	7	3	29	8 h ♀	
11	d		21	13	31	Morn.	8	4	wp		
12	e	The great Dog	22	25	30	○ 43	9	5	1	□ ○ ♀	
13	f	Star rises past 5	23	7	30	1 55	9	6	3	D Apo,	
14	g	at Night.	24	19	50	3 4	10	7	5		A little
15	a	Days inc. 26m.	25	2	20	4 13	11	8	7		milder.
16	b	Day br. 50 m.	26	15	4	5 20	12	9	8		
17	c	2 Sun. aft. Ep.	27	28	11	6 15	12	10	9		
18	d	past 5.	28	11	wp 40	6 59	13	11	10	18	Queen's
19	e		29	25	37	☽ Sets.	14	12	11		Birth Day
20	f		30	9	50	5 28	14	13	12		kept.
21	g	St. Agnes.	1	24	15	6 55	15	15	13		Rain or
22	a	Great DogStar	2	8	48	8 19	16	16	14	♂ ♀	
23	b	8m. past 10.	3	23	18	9 47	16	17	16		Snow.
24	c	3 Sun. aft. Ep.	4	7	51	11 16	17	18	17	D Perig.	
25	d	St. Paul Conv.	5	22	10	Morn.	18	19	19		
26	e	Day increased	6	6	17	○ 43	18	20	20	□ ♀ ♀	
27	f	to 8 hours 36	7	20	15	2 3 19	21	22			
28	g	min.	8	3	50	3 17 19	22	24	* ♀ ♀		
29	a		9	17	30	4 24	20	24	25		Weather
30	b	K. Charl. Mart.	10	0	40	5 26	21	25	27		agreeable
31	c	Septuagesima.	11	13	45	6 6 21	26	28	28		to Season

The Year is chang'd, now ushers in the New,
 But Men's the same, acts bad as used to do ;
 Inſpect the World, ſurvey the Island o'er,
 'Tis Intercit is the G-d that moft adores :
 So much of Fraud in Vogue, and Villainy,
 An honest Man's now deem'd a Prodigy.

M	D	Rise.	Sets
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31			30

OBSERVATIONS.

Friendly Reader,

BY the divine Permission I have once more exhibited ſome few Remarks on ſeveral Affairs of this mundane Globe ; more particularly on ſome that concern the Island we live in, reſerving my Observations on the heavenly bodies, to the laſt of these Sheets: the Subjects I ſhall expotulate on, I ſhall aim to keep to the Standard of Truth, being ſome-what instructive and ſeafonable, (and I hope agreeable to a great Part of my Readers, for to all is an Impossibility) for whatever is broach'd in publick that doth interfere with any beloved Vice, or eſtablish'd Notion ; 'tis no Wonder to find it unpleaſing to ſuch. What I ſhall begin my Observation with, is on the ſame as I ended my laſt with ; which is the late ſorrowful Remonſtration of the distressed Poor for Want of Bread, touching the Extremity of a Famine, which abounds throughout this Kingdom, tho' ſcarce any where ſo much as about our County, where many a one has actually been starved to Death ; which, of all Deaths is the moft cruel and deplorable, as Dr. Cheyney has ſaid, 'tis like being burnt to Dea'h with a ſlow Fire. Yet this has been the unhappy Caſe of many in a Land of Plenty ; and Multitudes more are now ſtarving, (at this Time May 28) and more would ſoon, was it not for the charita-ble Benevolence of ſome few Gentlemen who do commiſſerate the Miferies of the preſent

February hath XXIX Days.

Full Moon the 2d Day, 8 h. 30 min. past Noon.

Last Quarter the 10th Day, 12 h. 27 m. past Noon.

New Moon the 18th Day, at 6 in the Morning.

First Quarter the 24th Day, 9 h. past Noon.

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		5 27 23
		24 27 22

To introduce its Birth I spar'd no Pain,
To pleasure Friends, it could not be too G ^o :

M	W	Remarkable Days, &c.	D	Y	Set	M	W	Y	Mut Asp. and Weather.
D	D		z	d.	h.	z	d.	h.	
1	d		12	26	0	6	39	22	27 1 * 4 ♂
2	e	Purif. B. V. M.	13	8 20	Rises	23	28	3	some
3	f	Bishop Blaze	14	21 30	5	38	29	2	Frost.
4	g	Watches too	15	3 40	6	50	25	7	6
5	a	fast 14 m. 43 f.	16	15 40	7	58	25	1	8
6	b		17	27 50	9	12	26	3	10
7	C	Sexages. Sun.	18	9 20	10	22	27	4	11 Apog.
8	d	The Author's	19	21 41	11	31	28	5	13 8 h. ♂
9	e	Birth Day.	20	3 m 25	Morn.	28	6	15	Cold
10	f		21	15 27	0	44	29	7	16 Storms
11	g	Died a good	22	27 31	1	53	30	8	18 more se-
12	a	Woman in my	23	9 246	2	59	29	9	19 △ ⊙ ♀
13	b	Parish.	24	21 31	3	57	1	10	21 △ ♀ ♀
14	C	Shrove Sun.	25	5 46	4	58	1	12	23 Valentine
15	d	Days 9h. 45m.	26	19 34	5	48	2	13	25 6 ⊙ ♀
16	e		27	3 31	5	57	3	14	27 △ ⊙ h. {
17	f	Ash Wednesd.	28	17 53	6	21	3	15	29 △ h. ♀ {
18	g	Days leng. 3 h.	29	2 50	Sets.	4	16	X	rene now.
19	a	Watches too	X	17 20	7	19	5	17	3 Fine but
20	b	fast 14 min.	1	2 43	8	47	5	18	5 * ♂ ♀
21	C	1 Sun. in Lent.	2	17 27	10	17	6	20	6 △ Perig.
22	d	Day br. 4 45	3	2 10	11	45	7	21	8 cold.
23	e	min.	4	16 38	Morn.	8	22	9	□ ♀ ♀
24	f	St. Matthias.	5	0 II 46	1	5	9	23	10 Ember
25	g	Days increased	6	14 10	2	18	10	24	11 Week.
26	a	2 h. 54 min.	7	27 37	3	19	10	26	13 Weather
27	b		8	10 20	4	9	11	27	14 * h. ♀
28	C	2 Sun. in Lent.	9	22 58	4	44	12	28	15 fine for
29	d	Sun due East,	10	5 40	5	19	12	29	16 the Season
		5 52 m. morn.							

Miss Vallance qrtor begins the 12th

Integrity is look'd on as a Joke,
The Law's like Cobweb, sacred Oaths as Smoak ;
Of most that's good we nearly are bereft,
And scarce a Champion now for Learning left,
Virtue declines, true Honour's quite forgot,
Gallants will Mis'is keep, and ev'ry Sot
Will sooner leave his Life than miss his Pot.

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OBSERVATIONS.

M	②	Set.	
D	Rise.		
1	7	27	4 33
2			supplied in a great Measure the hungry crav-
3			ing of those in Want ; and has reprieved many
4			from Death (some Distance from my Pa-
5			ribb.) Is it not a surprising Thing as well as
6	7	18	4 42
7			a calamitous ore, that our Kingdom, which
8			has been usually term'd the Granary of the
9			western World ? And a known Magazine
10			that abounds with all Things necessary for
11			the Support of Life, should be now reduc'd
12	7	7	4 53
13			to such an Extremity of Want, so as to have
14			Recourse to foreign Nations for Corn ? Had
15			we had any Devastation by an Enemy, or an
16			Inundation, or any inclement or unseasonable
17			Weather had injured our Corn, or had we
18	6	56	5 4
19			had any Murrain or Sicknes among our Cat-
20			tle, or the like Calamities, People would
21			have laid a Restraint on their Out-cry, and
22			patiently submitted to the all-wise Providence.
23			But blessed be God, none of these Evils have
24	6	44	5 16
25			happen'd ; our Fields have been bleſſ'd with
26			their usual Product, and our Cattle have not
27			fail'd of their annual Increase, sufficient to
28			have supplied double if not treble the Inha-
2			bitants of this Island, when Multitudes of
			poor Wretches are and have been famishing
			for Food : The like hath not been known
			this Age, nor in any other from the like ille-
			gal Cause. The Occasions of it do scarce
			remain as a Question, when 'tis so apparent-
			ly conspicuous, that this Evil proceeds from
			no other Cause but the Iniquity of a Set of

March hath XXXI Days.

		M	h	¶
		D	U	22
Full Moon	the 30 Day.	2	h.	40 min. past Noon.
Last Quarter	the 11 Day.	6	h.	10 m. past Noon.
New Moon	the 18th Day.	4	h.	past Noon.
First Quarter	the 25th Day.	9	h	25 min. past Noon.

As 'tis Compl'd now round the Land it Stretes,
But scarce all Corcial to some kind of Earth.

M	W	Remarkable Days, &c.	○	□	Ω	□ Set.	δ	Ω	□	Mut. Asp. and Weat.
D	D		ℳ	d.	m.	h.	m.	vs.	ℳ	
1	d	St. David.	11	18	17	5	34	13	0	17 March en-
2	e	St. Paul preach	12	0	ℳ	20	5	47	1	19 t's in like
3	f	ed in Arabia.	13	12	33	ℳ	Rile	14	3	21 a Lamb,
4	g		14	24	12	7	0	15	4	23
5	a	Prs. Hesse bo.	15	6	ℳ	20	8	8	5	* ⊖ 3
6	B	Sun. in Lent.	16	13	18	9	21	16	6	28 ☽ Apo. 5
7	c	Herod now	17	0	ℳ	10	10	30	17	7 30 □ h ☽
8	d	about aimed to	18	12	0	11	40	18	9	* ⊖ 3
9	e	kill himself.	19	23	50	Morn.	18	10	4	yet a little
10		Day break at	20	6	ℳ	0	0	48	19	11 6 wind.
11	g	+ 22 minutes.	21	18	30	1	49	20	12	8
12	a	The 8th Died	22	1	ℳ	5	2	41	21	13 11 some tur-
13	B	Midlent Sun.	23	14	10	3	26	21	15	12 □ 4 3
14	e	my great Friend	24	27	34	4	1	22	16	13 bu'ent
15	d	J. Nicholas.	25	1	ℳ	31	4	25	23	17 13 weather if.
16	e	Julius Cæsar	26	25	38	4	45	24	18	14 not thun-
17	f	stab'b'd in the	27	10	ℳ	50	5	7	25	19 14 der.
18	g	Senate House.	28	26	0	ℳ	Sets.	26	21	14 △ 4 2
19	a	Prs. Louisa bo.	29	11	ℳ	21	7	54	26	22 15 □ ⊖ h 3
20	B		ℳ	26	15	9	20	27	23	16 Perig.
21	c		ℳ	11	ℳ	34	10	48	28	24 B Pretty
22	d	Unequal n. & d.	ℳ	26	15	Morn.	28	26	16	good wea-
23	e	Days increased	3	10	ℳ	22	0	35	29	27 15 ther for
24	f	+ h. 50 min.	4	24	4	1	16	30	28	15 △ h ☽
25	g	Lady Day.	5	7	ℳ	20	2	7	ℳ	29 14 D. Yo. bo
26	a		6	20	12	2	4	1	ℳ	14 inost part.
27	B	Sun. in Lent.	7	2	ℳ	45	3	18	2	2 14 Such
28	c	The Passover	8	15	6	3	43	3	3	14 Weather
29	d	eaten 27.	9	27	17	3	59	4	4	13 as will
30	e	Day break at	10	9	ℳ	18	4	15	4	5 13 content
31	f	3 h. 32 min.	11	21	15	4	27	5	6	13 me.

Whatever Evils reign, among the rest
 Before the Poor at all Times are oppress'd :
 The Jobbers thrive, few Laws are put in Force,
 Which is and will be *England's* greatest Curse :
 Small is our Hope any Redress to have,
 'Till we get beyond the Curtains of the Grave.

OBSERVATIONS.

D	Rise	Set	○	pro	igate Men, who pay no Regard to Laws
1					divine nor human ; minding no Ties of Re-
2					ligion or Government, but to satisfy their a-
3	5	345	26		varicious Appetites, ingrosseth and transport-
4					eth our Corn and Cattle, maugre all the good
5					Laws our gracious King and Parliament have
6					made to prevent it ; and this abominable
7					Practise is in a great Measure owing to the
8	6	225	38		Supineness and Conniving of such Men as
9					are delighed with the Power to execute it on
10					such Offenders, which has been totally ne-
11					glected ; and small are the Hopes of any
12					Reformation in this Point, to the Calamity
13	6	145	46		of Thousands if not Millions : Most of these
14					last meant Men are the Gallios, that take no
15					Care for any of those Things, and to whom
16					the Life of the Poor has scarce been valued
17					with that of a Spaniel : I wish all such would
18	6	45	56		seriously peruse Dr. Sacheverell's Sermon on
19					Communication of Sins ; where they may
20					observe, that a tacit Admission of any Crime,
21					by a Person that has a Right, and 'tis his
22					Duty to punish it and he neglects it, that Per-
23					son is a real Promoter and Encourager of
24					that Wickedness the Criminal is guilty of. I
25	5	526	8		may, without much Search take Notice, the
26					Perusal of Sermons is near out of Fashion ;
27					and Religion is grown as scarce among ma-
28					ny of the Rich, as Provision is among the
29					Poor ; which, in fine, is one great if not
30	5	40	6	20	the prime Cause of those Evils we complain
31					of.

April hath XXX Days.

Full Moon the 2d Day, at 8 in the Morning.

Last Quarter the 10th Day, at 8 in the Morning

New Moon the 16th Day, 12 h. 32 min. at N. gh.

First Quarter the 23d Day, 9 h. 15 m. in the Evening.

Some Louts perhaps will cry out with a sneer,
What has the Conjuror foretold but Yea?

M	W	Remarkable Days, &c.	○	Y	d.	m.	D	Set.	○	Y	W	Mut. sp. and Weat.	
D	D		○	Y	d.	m.	D	Set.	○	Y	W		
1	g	All Fools Day.	12	3	16	4	41	5	7	14	6	④	
2	a	Day br. at 3h.	13	15	0	8	7	6	9	13	Dry		
3	B	Easter Sunday.	14	26	50	8	67	7	10	12	Windsnot		
4	c	Easter Mond.	15	8	48	9	34	8	11	11	hold long.		
5	d	Easter Tuesd.	16	20	50	10	43	8	12	11	D A peg.		
6	e	20 min. morn	17	2	450	11	48	9	14	10	8	④	
7	f	Days increased	18	15	4		Morn.	10	15	10	* 8	④	
8	g	5h. 53. min.	19	27	25	0	43	11	16	9	Storms if		
9	a	Twilight ends	20	10	W	2	1	28	12	17	9	not Thun.	
10	B	Low Sunday.	21	23	0	2	3	12	18	7	der.		
11	c	8h. 47 min.	22	6	20	2	32	13	20	6	A finish		
12	d	Good Clocks	23	20	8	2	55	14	21	5	Air.		
13	e	and Watches	24	4	23	3	14	14	22	D			
14	f	equal the 15th	25	9	3	3	34	15	2	5			
15	g	Day.	26	4	Y	10	3	56	16	25	6	△ 4 8	
16	a	Alexander	27	19	28	D	sets	16	26	6	D Pe. ig.		
17	B	2 Sun. aft. East.	28	4	843	8	22	17	27	7	* ④ h		
18	c	the great	29	19	56	9	47	18	28	7	□ h	④	
19	d	poisoned 323	8	4	II 41	11	4	18	29	8	I look for		
20	e	Years before	1	19	5		Morn.	19	Y	8	some Rain		
21	f	the Birth of	2	2	51	0	2	20	2	9	not three		
22	g	Christ.	3	16	17	0	50	20	3	10	Days from		
23	a	St. George.	4	29	14	1	2	21	4	10	this Time		
24	B	3 Sun. aft. East.	5	11	Δ 50	1	52	22	5	10	Weather		
25	c	St. Mark.	6	24	6	2	2	23	7	11	very well		
26	d	Days 14 hours	7	6	W 15	2	30	23	8	11	but it will		
27	e	32 minutes.	8	18	12	2	42	24	9	11	not please		
28	f	Twilight ends	9	0	W 10	2	55	25	10	12	some.		
29	g	9 h. 37 min.	10	11	55	3	7	26	11	12	8 ④		
30	a		11	23	50	3	21	26	13	13	D A peg.		

Milking Heifer Bull'd the 22^d at Hunts
Bull. againe the 3^d of June

God!
 To whom Mortal pray, I thee implore
 To hear the Cry of the distressed Poor ;
 Thou that canst curb the Wills of Men from Vice,
 Check now the Hand of knavish Avarice ;
 Let Africa regain her ancient Seat,
 That the Poor may have sufficient Bread to eat.

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O B S E R V A T I O N S.

This last Grievance, I may conclude, will be suppressed when the others are: We may complain and mourn in the Bitterness of Soul to small purpose: No Genius or Art will surely inform us when, or by what Instruments we shall be freed from the sore Oppression that has long reigned, whilst our Laws remain unexecuted. A Man that robs, for taking a Shilling or two is often hanged: But what are those done with, that deprive millions of that by which Life must subsist? why, only connived at hitherto. *O tempora! O mores! fiat justitia.* To whom shall we have Recourse to remove our Scarcity brought on by native Enemies? Why, we must seek to God, who alone can work Miracles, and turn the Wills of the Wicked, and baffle their worst Designs; and pray with the Service of the Church, "To whom shall we seek for Succour but to thee, O Lord, &c. for vain is the Help of Man." Should I commit all I have to say on this Subject to Writing, it would take more than all these Sheets: So I shall wave it now, as it is a melancholy Subject to read, much more so to them that daily feel this unheard-of Evil, of our home bred Locusts. Readers, I have here given you some brief Account of the Calamity and Complaints concerning the Want of Provision, and the prime Cause thereof: But we have

Mr. Dix has been 30 weeks Master of May

MAY hath xxxi Days.

Full Moon 1st Day, 12 h. 30 m. night.

Last Quarter 9th Day, 6 h. evening.

New Moon 16th Day, at 8 h. 4 m. morn.

First Quarter 23d Day, at noon.

Full Moon 31st Day, 3 h. past noon.

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16	2	14
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Suppose they do; I'm more than made amends
If please E. B. and eight or nine more Friends.

M	w	Remarkable Days, &c.	○	☽	m	☽	rises	☽	☽	☽	Mut. Aspects and Weather.
D	D		○	☽	d.	m.	m.	☽	☽	☽	
1	B	4 S. aft. East.	12	5	50	☽	rises	27	14	13	S. Ph. & Jac.
2	c		12	17	40	8	41	28	15	15	♂ ♀ ♀
3	d	Invent. Cross.	13	29	50	9	47	29	10	16	Some Wind,
4	e	Day increased	14	12	4	3	10	50	29	17	18 and likely
5	f	7 h. and 20 m.	15	24	30	11	36	30	19	19	Wet too.
6	g	Twilight ends	16	6	56	Morn.	☽	20	21		
7	a	10 h. 14 m.	17	19	50	0	15	1	21	22	△ h ♂
8	B	Rogat. Sund.	18	2	43	0	39	2	22	24	Weather fine,
9	c	Day break at	19	16	2	1	3	3	23	25	not hold
10	d	1 h. and 30 m.	20	29	44	1	24	3	24	27	long.
11	e		21	10	47	1	40	4	26	28	
12	f	Holy Thursd.	22	28	15	1	55	5	27	30	O. May-day
13	g		23	13	☽	0	2	10	5	28	* h ♀
14	a	The 15th the	24	28		2	32	6	30	2	☽ Perig.
15	B	6 S. af. Easter.	25	13	☽	8	3	0	7	☽	3 Some Rain
16	c	true Time of	26	28		7	☽	sets	7	2	* ♂ ♀
17	d	our Saviour's	27	12	II	50	9	57	8	3	* h ♀
18	e	Ascenfion.	28	27	15	10	48	9	4	9	now about.
19	f	Q. Charl. bo.	29	11	5	11	34	10	6	10	
20	g	No Night, but	30	24	38	11	58	10	7	12	
21	a	all Twilight.	31	7	8	40	Morn.	11	8	14	Somewhat
22	B	Whitsunday.	2	20	19	0	17	12	9	16	better than
23	c	Monday.	3	2	40	0	34	12	11	18	last Week.
24	d	Tuesday.	4	14	48	0	52	13	12	20	
25	e	Ezuber Week.	5	26	46	1	2	14	13	22	* ○ h
26	f	Broomham	6	8	40	1	16	15	14	24	
27	g	Fair.	7	20	30	1	28	15	15	26	☽ Apog.
28	a	Day 16h. 25m.	8	2	31	27	1	45	16	16	Expect some
29	B	Trinity Sund.	9	14	27	2	5	17	17	29	K. C. II. rest.
30	c	Sun due East	9	26	37	2	31	17	18	II	Rain about
31	d	7 12 morn.	10	8	50	☽	rises	18	19	5	this Time.

Ex -

Black Finch Bull. the 20th at Hants

The Spring's now glorious, as it us'd to be,
 In most Things else a sad Degen'racy ;
 Old Time of late has shewn a scurvy Face,
 The Poor want Food, their Enemies want Grace.
 In Physick ~~Wicks~~ have Toleration Leave,
 Religious ~~Centres~~ weekly do receive ; }
 One marrs the Body, other Souls deceive.

M. ☽ rite ☽ fets

D. 1. m. a. m.

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still other Evils not inferior to those I have treated on, but rather superior, and have greater Reason to mourn, where is the Man, or who is he that exclaims at, or condoles our Loss or Want of Religion or Piety ?

Where is the Man that now-a-days exclaims The Want of Virtue, or of Sin that reigns ?

To a Man that has but a moderate Share of Morality, or will apply his Thoughts seriously to reflect on the great Degeneracy of the present Age, and the continual Decay of Piety, it is mournful to observe, among the rest, what small Regard is taken of late of the Sabbath by High and Low: the greater Number of the meaner Sort shew but little more Respect to the Sabbath than a Hottentot; they spend the Day in Eating, Drinking, Idleness, and Sleep; and some sneak to Ale-houses. Some Females frequent the Church, if their Attire is compleat: (But seldom after Marriage.) The Rich, a great Part, choose Sunday for a Day to travel on; or, which is worse, seek out for some Diversion or other, or at best spend the Day in impudent Visits. Children and Servants are tolerated to waste the Day in Idleness or Play, seldom or ever reproved or threatened by any in Power, Ecclesiastical or Civil; but few Parents or Masters

JUNE hath xxx Days.

Last Quarter 7th Day, 12 h. 30 m. midnight.
 New Moon 14th Day, 4 h. 24 m. afternoon.
 First Quarter 22d Day, at 4 morn.
 Full Moon 30th Day, at 3 h. 45 m. morn.

V	h	2
D	25	15
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16	6	13
24	7	13

Must I throw by my Pen, and be To ~~g~~ - ^g - ty'd,
 'Cause some conceited Fops will me deride?

M	W	Remarkable Days, &c.	○	☽	☽	☽ rises	♂	♀	☽	Mut. Aspect and Weather
D	D		II	d.	m.	h.	II.	II.	II.	
1	e	Days increased	11	21	24	9	30	19	1	☽
2	f	Corpus Christ.	12	3	W	54	10	11	19	23
3	g	8 h. 31 m.	13	16	40	10	44	20	24	12
4	a	K. Geo. III. b.	14	29	50	11	9	21	25	14
5	B	1 S. aft. Trin.	15	10	W	0	11	30	22	26
6	c	Sun due East	16	26	30	11	47	22	28	18
7	d	7 h. 18 m. mo.	17	10	X	10	Morn.	23	29	21
8	e	Watches near	18	24	16	0	2	24	II	23
9	f	equal with ○	19	8	V	31	0	21	24	125
10	g	Prs. Amelia b.	20	22	56	0	38	25	227	
11	a	St. Barnabas.	21	7	W	32	1	0	26	429
12	B	2 S. aft. Trin.	22	22	12	1	33	26	5	☽ * h ♀
13	c	Clocks and	23	6	II	41	2	15	27	6 3
14	d	Sun are equal.	24	21	17	☽	sets	28	7	5
15	e	Jesus came to	25	5	W	25	9	16	28	9 7
16	f	the Feast of	26	19	0	9	52	29	10	9
17	g	Pentecost.	27	2	II	40	10	20	30	11 11
18	a		28	15	40	10	39	V	12	13
19	B	3 S. aft. Trin.	29	28	20	10	53	1	13	15
20	c	William Lilly	30	10	W	49	11	8	2	15 17
21	d	Longest Day.	23	0	11		24	3	16	19
22	e	died.	1	5	W	2	11	35	3	17 20
23	f		2	16	54	11	53	4	18	22
24	g	St. John Bapt.	3	28	45	Morn.	4	19	23	Weather of
25	a		4	10	W	45	0	6	5	various Sorts,
26	B	4 S. aft. Trin.	5	22	47	0	30	6	22	20
27	c		6	5	W	2	1	2	6	23 27
28	d	Sun due East	7	17	29	1	42	7	24	29
29	e	St. Pet. & Paul	8	0	V	12	2	35	8	25
30	f	15 m. past 7.	9	13	7	☽ rises	8	27	2	□ h ♂

Send out

Richd. Crackle put his Calf into Laundry 12th
~~12th~~ and G. Wheelbourns put in the 20th

With both these Pests our Land is found accr'd,
And 'tis not easy to know which is worst ;
Should a Man to Heresy or Schism assent,
He may in Time reform, at length repent ;
If by Quack-Doctors our Exit is made,
There's no return from the eternal Shade. *

* *Facilis descensus Averni :*
Sed revocare g. sum, superaque evadere ad auras,
Hoc opus, bi'labor est. —

Virg. Aen.

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us give themselves any Concern about it. This, among other Vices of Omission, has brought our Religion, which is the purest of any in the World, into a low Esteem, and to be upbraided by the Sectarists ; not only so, but has paved the Way for fresh Heresy and Schism to start up rampant amongst us, by pretending to Inspiration ; but with what ? viz. with spiritual Pride : But would they produce one Miracle to confirm or be a Proof of their Inspiration, which is absolutely necessary toward the setting up new Forms of Doctrine, then I say I would give some Credence to what they teach, not else. But to conclude ; though I might draw the above Subject to an extensive Length, yet I shall add but a Word or two more concerning the above-named Vice : No Wonder the Sabbath is so much neglected by Children, when those who stood Sponsors for them at their Baptism, who were then exhorted, and in some Sort enjoined to call on such to hear Sermons, to learn the Catechism, &c. almost totally neglect their Duty : What will be the End of this *infelicitas* ? We may connive at one another's Failures or Neglects, but the Almighty, whose Eyes are in every Place, will not connive at it. Much more might be said on the profaning the Lord's Day : For where Prayer is omitted, the Spirit of Religion

Ms. Ballance of her Beginings the 16th of June

JULY hath xxxi Days.

Last Quarter 7th Day, 6 h. 21 m. morn.

New Moon 14th Day, 2 h. morn.

First Quarter 21st Day, at 9 night.

Full Moon 29th Day, at 2 h. 15 m. past noon..

M	h	4
D	25	4
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	16	1 15
	24	17 16

I once was pester'd with such Enemies
Some Years ago, that liv'd then at _____.

M	W	Remarkable Days, &c.	○ 2 d.	☽ m.	☿ h.	☽ rises m.	♂ II	♀ III	☿ IV	Mut. Aspects and Weather.
1	g		10 20	20	9	9	28	4		Month begins well.
2	a	Visitat. V. M.	11 9	20	9	31	9	30	5	
3	B	5 S. aft. Trin.	12 23	24	9	48	20	25	6	Should it
4	c	Martin Bp.	13 7	10	10	4	21	2	8	
5	d	Or. Mid. Day.	14 21	10	10	25	22	3	9	□ ○ ♀
6	é		15 5	21	10	38	22	4	10	thunder, do
7	f	Tho. Becket	16 19	32	10	55	23	5	11	not wonder.
8	g	knocked on	17 3	48	11	21	24	7	12	☽ Perig.
9	a	the Head.	18 18	0	11	4	24	8	14	♂ ♀ ♂
10	B	6 S. aft. Trin.	19 2	II	17	Morn.	25	9	15	♂ h ♀
11	c	Day decreased	20 16	25	0	4	26	10	10	Cool and
12	d	22 min.	21 0	20	1	4	26	11	17	△ ♂ ♀
13	e		22 14	8	2	55	27	13	18	□ ♀ ♀
14	f		23 27	40	☽	set	28	1	18	cloudy, if
15	g	St. Swithin.	24 10	0	51	8	35	8	19	not Rain.
16	a	Milksham Fair	25 23	47	8	54	29	16	20	
17	B	7 S. aft. Trin.	25 6	26	9	10	30	17	20	Rain now
18	c	in Wilts.	26 18	50	9	23	1	16	21	□ ♂ ♀
19	d		27 0	48	9	45	1	20	21	about.
20	e	Margaret.	28 12	52	9	52	2	2	22	
21	f		29 24	55	10	5	2	22	22	
22	g	Q. Denmark b.	30 6	11	45	0	2	3	24	☽ Apog.
23	a	Twilight end.	31 18	4	10	5	42	23		
24	B	8 S. aft. Trin.	2	0	4	11	31	42	23	Hot and fine
25	c	St. James.	3 13	6	11	5	52	22		
26	d	St. Ann.	4 25	37		Morn.	6	28	8	for some Time,
27	e	Seven Stars rise	5 8	19	3	1	18	30	22	
28	f	at 10 h. 50 m	6 21	40	2	39	8	21	22	
29	g	Dog-days beg.	7 5	20	15	☽ rises		2	22	
30	a	No Dog-night.	8 19		7	54		3	21	
31	B	9 S. aft. Trin.	9 3	1	8	11		5	21	

My Meeting
Monthly Meet.

Sessions.

Excise --

Meeting

Appizes

Gay Phæbus now his utmost Heat extends,
Which much the vegetable Tribe befriends ;
But Herbs, that old Physicians always priz'd,
Are by the Moderns utterly despis'd :
Such Medicasters like Mushrooms upstart,
Assume the Title, but reject the Art.

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O B S E R V A T I O N S.

is lost, and a great Frigidness found to all divine Ordinances.

As I have just been complaining of some Vices that now abound, I and many others have observed, that whenever Religion has been at a low Ebb and Decline, Arts in a great Measure have suffered the same Fate : For Religion has been found a great Assistant and Support to Learning, and all laudable Arts at all Times. This Observation is now conspicuous concerning the Science of Physick, which now-a-days is very much overrun with Errors, and Neglect of its Elements, which it ought to consist of, which has been collecting for Ages with so much Learning and Care. Let a Man of Learning and Judgment inspect and duly consider what the Principles of Physick are, that were laid down and enjoined by the two great Parents of that Art, *Hippocrates* and *Galen* ; or peruse well what *Platerus*, *Sennertus*, *Fernelius*, or the great *Boerhaave*, and twenty more that I might insist on of more modern Authors, as the learned Dr. *Sydenham*, *Salmon*, or the late Dr. *Mead*, wrote : Let any observe how precise they were in their Precep's ; how laborious and circumspect in their Observations ; and how sagacious and penetrating into the Laws of Nature, touching the animal Fabric : And now all this laborious Structure of their Wor's.

AUGUST hath xxxi Days.

last Quarter 5th Day, 9 h. 30 min. morn.

New Moon 12th Day, 1 h. 15 m. past noon.

First Quarter 20th Day, 2 h. 30 m. afternoon.

Ful Moon 27th Day, at midnight.

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One damn'd my Works, as often me his'd;
Then swell'd with Envy, and at length burst

M	W	Remarkable Days, &c.	○	☽	☿	☽	rises	☿	☽	☽	out. Aspects and Weather.
D	D		Ω	d.	m.	h.	m.	γ	Ω	Ω	
1	c	Lammes Day	10	17	30	8	6	27	6	20	Weather
2	d		11	1	12	8	46	1	20		pleasant,
3	e		12	16	25	9	4	28	8	19	which will
4	f	Jesus preached in Galilee.	12	0	40	9	29	28	10	19	please most
5	g		13	14	48	10	4	29	11	18	Perig.
6	a	7 Stars south	14	28	50	10	44	29	12	18	* ♀ ♀
7	B	10 S. af. Trin.	15	12	II 40	11	27	30	13	17	Men.
8	c	at 8 at night.	16	26	30	Morn.	8	15	17	○ ○	
9	d		17	10	20	7	0	42	11	16	○ ♀ ♀
10	e	St. Laurence.	18	23	21	1	56	2	17	16	* ○ ♀
11	f	Prs. Bruns. b.	19	0	3	3	11	2	18	15	* ♀ ♀
12	g	Pr. Wales bo.	20	19	27	☽	sets	2	20	15	Old Lammes
13	a		21	2	20	7	7	16	2	21	Day.
14	B	11 S. af. Trin.	22	14	37	7	32	3	22	14	
15	c	Days 14 h.	23	26	50	7	47	3	23	14	Some Rain
16	d	Pr. Fred. b.	24	9	2	1	8	0	4	24	now about.
17	e	and 45 min.	25	21	0	8	20	4	26	13	
18	f	Jesps worked	26	2	30	50	8	37	4	27	13
19	g	Miracles in	27	14	42	9	0	5	28	13	Some Rain, I
20	a	Galilee.	28	26	37	9	31	5	29	13	☽ Apog
21	B	12 S. af. Trin.	29	8	40	10	15	6	10	12	P. W. Hen. b.
22	c	Twilight beg.	30	20	56	11	9	6	2	D	doubt now
23	d		31	18	30	Morn.	6	3	12		about.
24	e	St. Bartholom.	2	16	28	0	12	7	4	13	
25	f	Twilight ends	3	29	47	1	31	7	6	14	Weather not
26	g	9 h. 10 min.	4	3	20	50	2	53	8	15	mil's.
27	a		5	27	41	☽	rises	8	8	16	△ ♂ ♀
28	B	13 S. af. Trin.	6	2	20	6	38	8	9	18	
29	c	Decol. S. Joh.	7	27	2	6	53	9	11	20	
30	d	Watches & ○	8	1	15	50	7	14	9	12	Month ends
1	e	near equal	9	26	37	7	40	9	13	23	pretty well

Red finch Buled the 1st at flurts

This Month brings Joy mostly to the Farmer,
Who from his Fields soon will fill his Garner;
Let such remember what good Moses penn'd,
The scatter'd Ears unto the Poor to lend;
And of the Payment never be in doubt,
'Twill truly be restor'd before the Year is out.

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is, by many that practise Physick, grown quite obsolete, thrown away and rejected, and accounted as a Jumble of Impertinences, and the Authors looked on as old Dotards by some. Take Notice I do not affirm this of all Practitioners in Physick; for some I doubt not do believe and act the contrary: But many I know of late do deviate, and some act diametrically opposite to the Principles laid down by the afore-named, and have turned the Mystery of Physick into a mere Fashion, or at best into a silly Imitation; what some of them foolishly term Experience: But where-ever there is not a just adequate Reasoning drawn from mechanic Principles and manifest Premisses, all Experience is deceivable, and will be found no more than fictitious Opinions. But, as I have remarked in my Epistle, Precepts in Books and Botany are in no Esteem now. Herbs, that have ever been, or at least ought to be the Physician's Tools to work with, or to perform Cures with, are near totally laid aside now: How then must Nature be helped in her Need? Why surely but a little by Chance, or by preposterous Administrations by Quacks, or Quack Medicines, or else Doctor Death must end the Disease. I would not be understood that a Physician is rigidly to observe every individual Precept penned down by the ancient Physicians;

John Hilton took his Start out of London August the 7th Sunday
and put her in againe the 21st Sunday; both in field 2 weeks.

Mary Heron went away the 10th
and her son came the same day

Month M.

My Meet.

SEPTEMBER hath xxx Days.

Last Quarter 3d Day, 3 h. 15 m. past noon.
New Moon 11th Day, at 3 morn.
First Quarter 19th Day, at 7 h. 30 m. morn.
Full Moon 26th Day, at 9 morn.

M	D	h	4
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	8	16	23
	16	17	24
	25	18	26

From him I suffer'd much invidious wrong,
Was made to suffer once his impious

M	W	Remarkable Days, &c.	○	☽	☽	☽	☽	☽	☽	☽	☽	☽	☽	Mut. Aspects and Weather.
D	D		¶	d.	m.	h.	¶	h.	¶	h.	¶	h.	¶	
1	f	Watches near	9	11	15	8 A	7	10	1	24	☽	Perig.		
2	g	London burnt	10	25	37	8	49	1	2	21	△	○ ♂		
3	a	(1666, O. S.)	11	9	II 45	9	47	1	17	27	Weather			
4	B	14 S. af. Trin.	12	23	20	10	37	11	1	29	agreeable for			
5	c	right with ○.	13	6	II 50	11	27	11	9	19	MR	the Season.		
6	d		14	20	7	Morn.	11	21	2					
7	e	Dog-days end	15	3	III 4	1	7	12	22	+				
8	f	Nat. B. V. M.	16	15	50	2	20	12	24	6	*	○ h		
9	g		17	28	26	3	38	12	23	7				
10	a	Twilight ends	18	10	MR 52	4	48	13	25	9				
11	B	15 S. af. Trin.	19	23	9	☽	sets	13	27	11	△	♂ ♀		
12	c	28 min. past 8.	20	5	II 18	6	A 15	13	28	14				
13	d		21	17	19	6	25	13	22	16	*	h ♀		
14	e	Holy Rood D	22	29	14	6	46	14	2	18				
15	f	Noll. Crom.	23	1	III 7	7	10	14	2	19	Some Rain			
16	g	well went off.	24	22	51	7	39	14	3	21	near this			
17	a	Day break at	25	4	II 45	8	19	14	4	23	☽	Apog.		
18	B	16 S. af. Trin.	26	6	45	9	7	14	6	25	Time.			
19	c	3 h. 21 min.	27	28	54	10	5	14	7	25	♂	○ ♀		
20	d	Equal D. & N.	28	11	IV 28	11	13	14	8	28	Dry Winds.			
21	e	St. Matthew.	29	24	21	Morn.	1	9	2	1	Ember Week			
22	f	K. Geo. III. c.	30	7	III 40	0	31	8	10	2	Fine for the			
23	g	About this	1	21	30	2	1	14	12	4	Seafon.			
24	a	Time the Jews	2	5	III 50	3	30	1	13	6	Windy, I			
25	B	17 S. af. Trin.	3	20	32	4	43	14	14	8	think.			
26	c	Iaid in wait to	4	5	V 35	☽	rise	14	15	9				
27	d	kill St. Paul	5	20	45	5	49	14	17	11				
28	e	Day decr. 4 h.	6	5	III 51	6	17	10	18	13	Some storms.			
29	f	St. Michael	7	20	52	6	55	14	19	15	Pr. Royal b.			
30	g	20 min.	8	5	II 30	7	42	14	20	17	☽	Perig.		

Now to Physicians some have great Recourse,
From their Diseases to get a Divorce ;
Others that have an Affluence of Wealth,
To gain their Pleasure yearly barter Health ;
For such as these in vain a Bill to write,
As try to be an *Aethiopian* white.

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Physicians ; for sometimes there may happen Phænomena in Nature that require newer Methods to find them out, and to proceed in the Way of Cure. What I have so exclaimed at, is that total Neglect and Contempt of all Rudiments of the Art of Healing left by the learned Ancients. He that would frame to himself a tolerable Hypothesis in Physick, must get himself well acquainted with the Philofophy of the Frame and StruEture of the human Body, and fully learn the Nature, Powers, and Properties of the Fluids and Solids, how they correspond and act, and the Variety of Ways they may be interrupted, or hindered in performing their Offices ; also to understand the inherent Properties of all Things used in Medicine, together with a well grounded Experience and good Observations, both by Reading, and by a Memory of what he has observed with much Labour and due Application of Mind ; and when he has done all this and more, he may get to the End of his Days before he attain to a Perfection in Physick. From these few Hints penned down, you may readily understand the indispensable Necessity of reading Books, searching into Antiquity, and scrutinizing the Writings of the greatest and most learned physical Authors, which is now much contemned :

OCTOBER hath xxxi Days.

Last Quarter 2d Day, at midnight.

New Moon 10th Day, 7 h. 45 min. night.

First Quarter 18th Day, at 11 h. 15 m. night.

Full Moon 26th Day, 6 h. morn.

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	16	19 31
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Being full of Malice, void of all Remorse.

Another Time made S——s cry my Harte.

* Which was never lost.

M	W	Remarkable Days, &c.	○	☽	II	☽	fe	○	☽	II	☽	Mut. Aspects and Weather.
D	D		♂	☽	d.	m.	h.	♂	☽	d.	m.	
1	a		9	19	41			8	45	14	2	18
2	B	18 S. af. Trin.	10	3	25	32		9	50	14	23	20 Weather
3	c	Day break	11	16	54	11		14	14	24	21	agreeable
4	d	4 h. 20 m.	12	0	5		Morn.	13	26	26	23	enough.
5	é	Seven Stars rise	13	12	51	0	23	13	27	27	24	
6	f	6 h. 20 m. Ev.	14	25	25	1	35	13	28	25	26	Rain and
7	g	Sun due East	15	7	44	2	46	12	29	27	6 4 ♀	
8	a	5 h. 44 m. mo.	16	19	54	3	58	12	31	28		stormy Wind.
9	B	19 S. af. Trin.	17	2	5	0	5	9	11	2	29	6 4 ♀
10	c	Old Mich. D.	18	14	3		☽	sets	11	3	31	☽ Apog.
11	d	At this Time,	19	25	55	5	A	4	10	4	2	Badish Wea-
12	e	1656, the	20	7	50	5	20	10	5	4	□ ○ h	
13	f	Thames ebb'd	21	19	40	5	52	10	7	6		ther.
14	g	and flow'd	22	1	30	6	18	9	8	7	8	♂ ♀
15	a	twice in 3 h.	23	13	22	7	13	9	9	9	9	
16	B	20 S. af. Trin.	24	25	21	8	9	8	10	10	6	♀ ♀
17	c		25	7	33	9	11	8	2	12		
18	d	St. Luke.	26	22	0	10	23	7	13	13		This Month
19	e	Day short 6 h.	27	2	22	5	11	38	6	14	15	wet often.
20	f	20 m.	28	16	0		Morn.	1	15	17	6	♀ ♀
21	g	Devizes Green	29	29	42	1	2	5	17	19		
22	a	Fair.	30	13	54	2	22	5	18	20	△ h	♀
23	B	21 S. af. Trin.	31	28	36	3	45	5	19	21	△ h	♀
24	c	St. Crispin	25	2	13	40	5	15	2	22		
25	d	K. G. III. In.	3	28	52	☽	rise	4	22	23		Warm, but
26	e	K. G. III. pr.	4	14	8	19	4	5	4	23	24	6 ○ 4
27	f	The Villain	5	29	30	5	38		24	26		Perig.
28	g	S. Sim. & Jude	6	14	11	2	6	3	25	27		perhaps Rain
29	a	Bradshaw died	7	23	50	7	40	3	2	28		if not Thun
30	B	22 S. af. Trin.	8	12	25	8	5		28	30		der.
31	c	the 21st.	9	2	52	0	12		7			

I Pyzon's Heifer put into our Saffo 26th
2nd stage 7 week to Decem^r 14th

SEASON.

October, 1768.

Some Men there be who think no greater Blis,
Than to feast, and drink, to laugh, carouse, and kifs;
Their Souls immers'd in sensual Appetite,
In Wisdom's Road can find no real Delight:
They're Men 'tis true, but 'tis the Beasts they ape,
And if we C^t them but in Speech and Shape.

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O B S E R V A T I O N S.

named: Where is there a *Cranium* or Brain that can contain all that a Physician ought to know, in order to qualify himself for Practice? Neither *Claudius* nor *Tully* could ever retain scarce half of it; such as the Nature, Causes, Times, Tendencies, Symptoms, Diagnosticks and Prognosticks of all Diseases; with the Indications of Cure, and the Rules and Errors of the Non-naturals. These Particulars are too weighty for many Practitioners Heads of late, who have too much Levity, and too little Time to spare from their Pleasures, to mind the copious Extent of all that Learning which ought to be in a good Physician.

What I shall comment on next is relating to one of my last Year's Queries, whose Answer was that golden Apophthegm, *Nosce teipsum*, Know thyself. Some People may conceit it is no such an abstruse Matter to attain the Knowledge of one's self; but I can assure them the learned Greeks thought far otherwise: For the more a judicious Person contemplates about it, the more difficult he will find the Task: For if we make a Scrutiny or Enquiry into our Bodies, after our utmost Search, with all the Assistance of Art we can meet with, we can know but a small Part to what we are ignorant of; and what we learn of our Bodies is very imperfect and much deceivable. As to our Origin, we know

NOVEMBER hath xxx Days.

Last Quarter 1st Day, 10 min. past noon.
New Moon 9th Day, 2 h. astern.
First Quarter 17th Day, at 40 m. past noon.
Full Moon 24th Day, at 4 morn.

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And worser Spite I felt from him besurfe.
Which I forgive, and at this Tun^{do} 10

M	W	Remarkable Days, &c.	⊕	☽	Ω	☽	rise	♂	♀	♀	♀	Mut. Aspects and Weather.
D	D		in d.	in m.	in h.							
1	d	All Saints.	10	9	30	11	28				2	Pretty fine.
2	e	All Souls.	11	22	21		Morn.	2	2	3		
3	f	Watches too slow 20 min.	12	4	44	0	43	1	3	4		
4	g		13	17	5	1	55	1	4	5		
5	a	Powder Plot.	4	29	6	3	2	1	5	6	♂ ♀ ♀	
6	B	23 S. af. Trin.	15	11	4	4	12	0	6	7		
7	c	D. of Cumb. b.	16	22	52	5	20	0	8	7		
8	d	Day about 9 h.	17	4	45	6	30	V	9	8	Expect a	
9	e	Day decreased	18	16	30	0	sets	30	10	9	☽ Apog.	
10	f	7 h. 38 m.	19	28	30	4	A 28	29	11	10	△ ⊖ ™	
11	g	St. Martin.	20	10	25	5	10	29	12	11	little coldish	
12	a		21	22	21	6	1	29	14	12	Rain about	
13	B	24 S. af. Trin.	22	4	34	7	2	29	15	12	the Change	
14	c		23	16	48	8	8	28	16	12	of the Moon,	
15	d		24	29	16	9	18	28	17	12	perhaps bad	
16	e		25	12	38	10	36	28	19	12	Storms.	
17	f	Day break at	26	25	20	11	48	28	20	R		
18	g	36 m. past 5.	27	8	50	Morn.	28	21	12		Weather	
19	a	7 Stars south	28	22	47	1	24	28	22	12	seasonable.	
20	B	25 S. af. Trin.	29	7	12	2	44	28	24	11		
21	c	11 h. 55 m.	30	22	0	4	8	28	25	10		
22	d	St. Cæcilia.	1	7	8 10	5	34	28	26	9	A little Rain.	
23	e		2	22	20	6	59	28	27	8	△ ♂ ♀ DP	
24	f		3	7	30	☽	rises	28	29	7		
25	g	D. Glouc. b.	4	22	27	5	16	28	30	6	S. Catherine.	
26	a		5	7	7	6	30	27	V	5	Now dry.	
27	B	Advent Sund.	6	21	21	7	47	27	2	3		
28	c		7	4	50	9	7	27	3	2	Some Rain	
29	d		9	18	18	10	20	27	5	M	within a Day	
30	e	St. Andrew. Prs. D. of Wales bo.						27	0	29	or two.	

Anne Pateman came to live with us the 12th
to serve 11 months after the rate of 30⁰ the year.
Same day Mr. Crookshank took his calf out o'th' ground.

SEASON.

November, 1768.

Our Friend the Sun to us contracts his Race,
Now Light and Heat is growing faint and scarce:
Warm Fires, a Friend, and a good Wife, these three
Will make Life's Wheel move smoothly on with Glee:
But where Content he that has but one,
His Life's slow pac'd Saturn moveth on.

M'	○	rise	○	sets
D	h.	m.	a.	m.

O B S E R V A T I O N S.

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30	7	57	4	3

know it only by Tradition, whether the Animalcula we sprang from were a Worm or a Tadpole. The like ignorant we are how the Foetus lived in the Womb, (the Life of a Plant;) and how it gradually increased, is too wonderful for us to know. We must be forced to imitate the Psalmist, and cry out, We were fearfully and wonderfully made. We know we have five Senses, from which we form our Ideas of Knowledge and Perception, and in Time learn thence how to make Reflections: Our Senses have each of them their deputed Nerves, or small Pipes wrapped in the *Dura* and *Pia Mater*, which have their Rise from the medullary Substance of the Brain: We know nothing how these Nerves act or perform their Offices. In our Bodies are found 446 Muscles, made to give Motion to the several Parts; but we know not how that Motion is performed: It is not sufficient to say it is done by the Will: Mr. Locke saith voluntary Motion is not to be explained, nor involuntary but very obscurely. The Spring of Air is to our Bodies as the Spring of a Watch to the Motion of the Wheels, and every Inch of our Bodies sustains a Pressure of 15 Pounds of Air, and the whole Body generally bears a Weight of 33684 Pounds of Air: And yet we are no Way oppressed with

this

Anne Seroop went away the 14th of Catharine Grace came to live with us the same day; her wages to be £2 for a Year if we think she deserves it.

DECEMBER hath xxxi Days.

Last Quarter 11t Day, 4 h. 10 min. morn.

New Moon 9th Day, at 9 morn.

First Quarter 16th Day, 11 h. 20 m. night.

Full Moon 23d Day, 3 h. 10 m. past noon.

Last Quarter 30th Day, 11 h. 10 m. night.

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Others have since essay'd t' eclipsie my name.

In doing which more brighter it became.

M	W	Remarkable Days, &c.	○	☽	☿	♃	♄	♅	♆	♇	♈	♉	♊	Mut. Aspe& and Weather
D	D		4	d.	m	h.	z	o	v	m	h.	z	o	
1	f	St. Barbara	10	13	32			Morn.			27	8	♂	♀
2	g	Twilight ends	11	25	50	0	39	26	9	27				Expect a
3	a	6h. 6m. morn.	12	7	52	1	56	26	10	26				little cool
4	B	2 S. in Advent	13	19	54	3	5	26	11	26				Rain.
5	c	Watches too	14	1	45	4	12	26	12	D	13	25	*	♀
6	d	flow 9 min.	15	13	31	5	20	D	13	25				
7	e	St. Nicholas.	16	25	25	6	26	25	15	27				Apog.
8	f		17	7	25	7	28	26	10	28				Broomham
9	g	Seven Stars	18	19	2	☽	sets	27	17	29	8	12	♀	
10	a	south 10 h.	19	1	30	4	A	47	27	18	4			Feast, but
11	B	3 S. in Advent	20	13	54	5	54	2	20	0				now over.
12	c	28 m. Night.	21	26	39	7	4	29	21	1				Rain or
13	d	Lucy V. & M.	22	9	19	8	21	29	22	2				Snow.
14	e	Now about	23	22	10	9	36	II	23	3				Ember Week
15	f	died Sir Roger	24	5	20	10	54	1	25	4				Coldish Air.
16	g	L'Etrange,	25	18	57	Morn.		2	26	5				Much Frost.
17	a	1704, aged 88.	26	2	47	0	15	2	27	5				
18	B	4 S. in Advent	27	16	54	1	36	3	28	6				Frost con-
19	c	Day 7 h. 34m.	28	1	22	3	0	3	29	7				tinues.
20	d	The Earth in	29	16	9	4	20	4	33	7				Perig.
21	e	Shortest Day	29	0	11	5	38	5	2	8				Fine Wea-
22	f	St. Thomas.	1	15	33	6	50	6	3	10				ther, but cold
23	g	its Perihelion.	2	0	26	☽	rises	6	4	11				among all,
24	a		3	14	58	5	7	7	6	13				but especially
25	B	Christmas day	4	29	1	6	27	8	7	14	△	♂	♀	
26	c	St. Stephen.	5	12	52	7	45	9	8	15	△	12	11	
27	d	St. John.	6	20	17	9	2	9	9	17	○			the Poor.
28	e	H. Innocents	7	9	10	10	15	10	11	19				
29	f	Judas born:	8	21	58	11	28	10	12	2				
30	g	better never	9	4	5	Morn.		11	13	22				
31	a	had been	10	16	11	0	41	12	14	23				

Hetty Grace went away y^e 6th. at night & 9p^m her
3^o 9^{1/2} for the 3 weeks & 2 days she had been with
us. W. Shepherd took his son out of school the 11th 9 weeks
in

The 25th this Year * I hope to see
My Parish keep our Tide in Unity ; †
Lay all discording Stupidness aside,
And in a decent Manner keep the Tide,
Without or Riot, Wantonness, or Pride:
With Grief I write, with Shame some have confess'd,
It has been kept much like a Pagans' Feast.
1768. + We used to keep Old and New Christmas.

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O B S E R V A T I O N S .

1 this Air, nor any Way sensible of its Weight :
3 But at different Times we bear a Tun and a
4 8 4 3 56 Hulless Air, which an infirm Body will be
6 sensible of. There are numerous Things be-
7 longing to our animal Machine, the Reality
8 8 7 3 53 of which we take from others, (we know it
9 not perfectly) as the Circulation of the Blood,
10 the glandular Secretions, the Power and Force
11 belonging to the Digesture, and many mystick
12 8 9 3 51 Particulars beside, of which most Men have
13 but a probable Certainty : But when we come
14 to exert our Knowledge touching the Soul,
15 we meet with nothing but Obscurities, and
16 8 11 3 49 are left to grapple in the dark : Though a
17 great Author has told us, we have as clear an
18 Idea of spiritual Substances as we have of
19 bodily ones : But we find our Perceptions
20 vastly too finite to comprehend either Body or
21 spiritual Substance. (This Discourse of the
22 Body would require a Book, instead of a Page.)
23 Then, in contemplating on the Soul, how
24 defective our Knowledge is found ; as, how
25 she is infused and united to our Bodies, or
26 what could cement gross Matter to a Thing
27 immaterial ; a Thing more subtile than the
28 8 10 3 50 Sun-Beams, or the finest æthereal Air, with
29 a Clod of Earth ; and then to set all the
30 Springs, Wheels, and Pulleys, and Clock-
Work of this animal Machine a moving, and
so regularly to direct the animal Spirits each

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to

Mr. Holbrook came to live with us the 19th, his wages to be at
the rate of 3l. per Ann. for 11 months.
Robert Doncaster came to live with us the 28th. at 10s. per 11 months.

Mr. Hilton took his Stirrups out of his Coach 4th 12th

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to its particular Office: Or where the Soul resides we have no Certainty; whether in the *Glandula Pinealis*, or is diffused over all Parts, as some assert; or whether there is a Superiority in Souls, we know not, or how the Body and Soul are mutually affected. If the bodily Machine is disordered, it will soon be found to hinder or confound the Operations of the Soul: The same if the Soul be depressed with Grief, or any Perturbation, the Body cannot perform its Function, ~~but~~ ^{now} ~~now~~ ^{now} eas'd. So we may observe, notwithstanding the Soul's ~~relative~~ ^{relative} Dignity and mysterious Operations, it is found hindered, interrupted, and weakened in its Power and Office, by Diseases, bad Temperature of Body, by Debauchery, or any Thing that spoils the Mechanism of the Brain and its Nerves. But this Subject deserves to be treated of vastly more largely: But this is not the full Scope or Design of my last Year's Enquiry, to know one's self: For to know the Materials of our Bodies, and the Qualities and Actings of the Soul, is no Duty, nor are we in any Blame or Error if we remain ignorant of it. The following is a great Part of the Knowledge of ourselves: We ought to exert our whole Power of Perceiving and Understanding, to find the Extent of what we know of ourselves; and thence to learn how little it is we know, to what we ought to know; and to obtain a clear Idea of Wisdom and Folly, so as to embrace the one and reject the other; and to duly consider our Frailties, Dangers, Diseases, and the numerous Accidents we are exposed to every Day and Hour; with the Shortness of Life and Uncertainty of Death, and the numberless Snares and Temptations to Vice we are exposed to from within and without; and what each one or every Man is prone to most, to learn to fortify against it by a rectified Reason and divine Revelation. This is some Part of the Road toward knowing ourselves, though but a small Part.

It is an Observation worthy our Notice, to think what a Blessing we enjoy beyond what Men in some former Ages did, by the new and wonderful Inventions we have; but what I shall take notice of is the Discovery of the Telescopes to assist our Eyes, so that we can peep into those distant Bodies of the Luminaries and the Planets; a Knowledge some Ages ago no one could have the least Hopes of attaining. The same surprizing Discoveries are found out by the Microscope, that the greatest Searchers into Nature never dreamed of, or imagined:

The

~~Mr. W. Shepherd took his Corp out of the Land the 11th of October in~~

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The ingenious Mr. Leeuwenhoeck, that made such Improvement in these Glasses, found by his Microscope in one Fish, which was a Picket, that in each Portion of its Sperma as big as a Grain of Sand, were found 10,000 small Fishes; from which he maintains, that one of these Fishes in a Year might eject Sperm enough to produce more Fish than there are Men living in the world. By these Glasses we observe there is not a Drop of Water without its Inhabitants, and that of various Kinds, which I have observed: And concerning the human Fabric, Men were much in Darkness and Error before the Microscope was invented. As it concerns the Generation of Man, and all Animals, there is found an Animalcula pre-existent in the Seed of the Male, not in the Female, as was formerly thought. Nay, so minute has the Discovery been, that these Animalcula have been found in a Flea, and are doubtless in smaller Insects. So likewise every Vegetable is found to be Male and Female, and has deputed Tubes for Production of their Species. But among all those Glasses by which such Wonders are performed, the Spectacles ought not to be forgot, which I think was the first Improvement made on Glass. Had no such Invention been found, what a lamentable Condition would near three Parts of Mankind have been in? Had this useful Discovery lain dormant, what would our most excellent Divines, Lawyers, and Physicians have done? Such as are grown in Years, or have any Defect in their Sight; and Multitudes of Artificers and others, that stand in an indispensable Need of them. A great Part of the Learning and Arts we now enjoy had been very imperfect, and sometimes suffered a Kind of Eclipse or Deliquum; besides the Pleasure found in reading.

Shall Men be canoniz'd for shedding Blood,
And him less honour'd that has done such Good?
The Man that found Helps for defective Eyes
Far more than Princes him we ought to prize;
His Statue form'd in Brass, his Name in Gold,
And rest in Bliss which no Tongue can unfold.

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Let this inform the Publick,

THAT there is lately published and exposed to Sale an excellent curious Copper-Plate of all the visible Eclipses, from the Year 1766 to the Year 1800; where you will find an exact Plan of all the visible Eclipses; a Work never brought to that precise Perfection in this Nation before. London, 1768. To John Earl Spencer, by the ingenious Thomas, and the learned Mathematician Isaac Tarret, at Exeter-Street; and sold by T. Denham, in Leadenhall-Street; and Mr. Pridden, in Fleet-Street; and Messrs. Rollinson, Peal, and White; and by Mr. Ryland, Printer, in the Old-Bailey, London.

Here followeth a short Encomium on the two Authors.

IF that my Muse could equalize your Skill,
Some grand Encomium should these Pages fill,
To extol your Fame, and signalize your Worth,
For that rare Plan you lately have set forth
With so much Art, exact the Truth so near,
A matchless Piece! no Rival you need fear:
Endymion's Courtship that he first begun,
You have out-rival'd, and his Mistress won:
Her fickle Wand'rings and uncertain Race
You've found the Clew, and can her Lab'rinth trace;
Witness the Plan, by which it nice appears
When *Luna* gives a Spot, or when a Spot she wears:
What *Thales* found when in its infant Age,
You've shewn in Manhood on our *English Stage*;
The Work you publish'd, which I dare engage
Will prove the Wonder of this present Age:
Sit down and rest, for you have won the Bays,
And Fame's loud Trumpet shall resound your Praise.

*Touching the particular ECLIPSES that will happen this Year
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FIVE Times the two great Luminaries will be found defective in their Light; twice the Sun, and three Times the Moon; the Eclipses of the Sun will be both invisible to us. The Times in their Order are as followeth.

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The first Eclipse of the Sun will be *January 19*, 10 m. before 6 at Night; but as the Sun will be set, cannot be seen here, but will be seen in *North-America*.

The second Eclipse of the Sun will be the *14th of July*, about 2 o'Clock in the Morning, and will be visible at the *Pacifick Ocean*.

The Lunar Eclipses from new Tables are as followeth:

The 1st Eclipse of the Moon will happen *January 4*.

		h.	m.
Beginning	- - -	3	18
Middle	- - -	4	25
End at	- - -	5	33
Digits	- - -	4° 50'	

The 2d Eclipse of the Moon will happen *June 30*.

		h.	m.
Beginning	- - -	2	6
Middle	- - -	3	53
End at	- - -	5	40
Digits	- - -	15° 10'	

The Moon sets totally eclipsed 2 m. before the Middle of the Eclipse.

The third Eclipse of the Moon will happen *December 23*.

		h.	m.	s.
Beginning	- - -	1	20	0
Middle	- - -	3	10	56
End at	- - -	4	58	0
Digits	- - -	20° 30'		

N. B. The Moon rises totally eclipsed about 50 m. past 3 in the Evening.

Reader, You may here observe the Astronomical Production of all the visible Eclipses for 1768, which must be allowed, by all of Judgment, to be a Work that requires much Art, Time, and Labour; and is a Piece of Learning termed the *Punctilios*, or *Acme* of Astronomy. The Discovery of this Phænomenon was first made by *Thales*, near 600 Years before our Saviour came; though it was very deficiently understood for many Ages, till about the last Century, and since it has received much Improvement; but none have attained a greater Perfection in it than the late Mr. *Harris*, and Mr. *Tarret* of *Epsom*; which is demonstrated by their late Plan of Eclipses I mentioned in the foregoing Page. I now hold it impertinent to molest of my

Readers to repeat here how, or what causes an Eclipse, having so largely commented on it in many former Almanacks: So I shall proceed to observe to you, in a Manner somewhat concise, what Effects these Eclipses are most like to produce, though it is a Doctrine embraced by no great Number, and by many upbraided and set at naught; neither is it any Thing strange it should be so, in this Age of Libertinism, where so many have their Intellects eclipsed, some in the Pursuit of ~~Yea~~, others in Quest of Pleasure or Honour, &c. ~~that~~ ~~not enter~~ in any Thought of the Signs of the Heavens; but many ~~that~~ ~~not~~ ~~not~~ rather scoff at them, and at those ~~that~~ ~~not~~ ~~not~~ predict the Effect of Eclipses. These Men say Eclipses are all natural Causes, and in a Circle of Years they all return ~~again~~. It is scarce worth while to reply or answer these Men: I might ask such, whether a Thing, for being natural, has no Effect nor Power? Is not Meat and Drink natural? and doth it not nourish and preserve Life? And Poison is natural to destroy it. These People, who make a Jeſt of Influences, some of them understand the Mathematicks I own, but are very deficient in natural Philosophy; which is a great, if not the greatest, Part of the Basis from whence the Learning of the Effects of Eclipses is derived; long Experience and good Observations are the only Means to attain a right Judgment of the Events of Eclipses. The Mathematicks may solve Problems, or some Propositions of Things unknown, that relate to or depend on Numbers; but can give no Demonstration of Effects that usually follow Eclipses: That is found only by repeated Observations of Men well versed in this Science, in a long Series of Time. Who is the Man that could ever form any adequate Idea of the innate Properties of any of the Physical Herbs? Or, were he to inspect any of the Simples with a Microſcope, he could not learn the several Qualities they have; they are only to be found out by good Observations and Experience. The like is to be underſlood touching the Signification of Eclipses, Conjunctions, and the several Configurations of the Erraticks in some little Degree. Vastly more might be ſaid touching this Point; but I think here is enough to vindicate the Truth of this Proposition: But for thoſe that will not allow it, they may hug their obſtinate Infidelity as long as they please, for me. I ſhould ſcarce have been ſo prolix on this Theme, were it not that the Moon

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Moon is so much nearer than any luminous Body to us, and her Revolution therefore oftener; her Qualities are more conspicuous to our Globe than all the rest, except the Sun. This, had I Room, I could demonstrate by thirty or more visible Effects of the Moon, besides her ruling the Night, and raising the Tides. But dropping this of the Moon's Effects in general, I proceed to inquire into the Effects of this Eclipse of *Jan. 4.*: At the Middle Time I find M 23 deg. 27 min. ascend, M 2 deg. 09 min. culminate; the Eclipse falls in 14 deg. 23 m. of S in the 8th House; the J eclipsed in her own House, somewhat augments her retences. All Authors of Antiquity, of Note, conclude such Eclipse foresees the Death of the common People, as it is in the 8th, (especially Females) and Hurt to many other Things that are influenced by the Moon; and that the Sea will be full of Piracy, and overflow its Banks, and Women as much as the Sea will grow extreme, and exceed their wonted Power, and seek for Divorces; which if they cannot obtain, they will divorce themselves. One Author (*William Ramsay*) writes, it denotes Trouble and Taxes, but I think they cannot well be more. In short, Women cannot be, and the Seas will be, most passive to the Effects of this Eclipse, which can hold but little more than two Months, and will mostly be found about *Scotland, Holland*, and some Northern Parts, &c.

The 2d visible Eclipse is of the Moon, *June 30*, which will set totally eclipsed; the Middle Time is found to be 3 h. 53 m. in the Morning, at which Time will be found 8 deg. 47 min. of S ascend, and 5 deg. of H culminate; the J in 8 deg. 36 min. in v , going into the 6th House: Besides, there are at the same Time three malignant Aspects, $\square \odot \text{J}$, $\odot \odot \text{H}$, $\square \text{H} \text{J}$; it is not often found that an Eclipse has such scurvy Attendance; the Portents of which would require much Time and Room, should I treat of it in its full Latitude of Judgment. I cannot well omit taking notice, as it is consistent with the Precepts of this Art, what a perilous Time it will be, at the Time of this Eclipse, for a Child to come into the World, touching its Life; never, since I knew any of the Stars, did I observe so fatal a Time. This is known to concur with all the learned Judgment and Experience of the most eminent in this Art, that a Child born when the Moon is weak, and affected

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by J_2 and J_3 , as she is at this Eclipse, very seldom lives to be weaned. I myself have observed it, and hardly ever knew it fail, even this very Year, in two or three Children near the Devizes. So I would wish my Readers would remark it, as there are 8765 Hours in a Year, and near 20000 Children born in a Year in *London*, besides in the Country near three times that Number, doubtless some will be born ~~in~~ the above Time. The Reasons for this Fatality in Infants, ~~and~~ ^{and} *Persons*, ~~and~~ ^{and} *Aristotle*, and Numbers more of modern Philosophers ~~and~~ ^{and} *Scions*, are as followeth: When that *Humidus Radicale*, or that fine subtle arterial Fluid belonging to the Body, to carry on the Functions of Life, is altered, or made too ~~thin~~, or too little by the Moon, which adds or diminisheth Moisture, as she is prevented of her Influence, and affected by the dry Qualities of these two Planets J_2 and J_3 , these fine organized Fibres in young Children are found affected for Want of sufficient Moisture to supply the Heat caused by the Motion of the Solcs, by which the animal *Œconomy* is marred, and Life letteth go her hold. This is much analogous to what commonly concludes the intemperate Dram-Drinker's Life, who consumes this Balsamic Fluid which keeps on the Springs of Life, which by the dry-Heat these Spirits give is consumed; so he is wounded in the Liver by *Bacchus's Dart*. *Sed diverticulum in via*: I have wandered strangely from my Subject, for which I beg Forgiveness. I now aim to pen down what, according to Art, may be accounted the Effects of this second Eclipse. I might quote the Judgment of several famous Authors in this Science touching such an Eclipse; as *Ptolemy*, *Proclus*, *Haly*, and *Guido Bonatus*, and others which I have read: But Authors that lived since having the Advantage of former ones, and some modern Observations too, I shall the rather adhere to their Opinions. One of the most skilled in the Judgment on Eclipses in this Kingdom has wrote, that such an Eclipse denotes much Slander and Lies, and very false Aspersions against many of the common People, who will make it a great Part of their Employment to promote it. J_2 near the Asc. in S *cum Sole*, shews much Murmuring and Discontent at Men in Power, or great Officers, amongst or by the common People. U is in a Cardinal Sign, the worst he could meet the Sun in; according to the Principles of this Art, it can have no mean Signification:

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Hot and Cold can be no other than discordant ; we find it so in the Microcosm, and so we must expect it in the Macrocosm. We shall find much Discord and Diseases three or four Months ensuing ; violent Pains in the Head, hot Rheums, and sore Eyes, Pains in the Bowels, &c. Look back on History, and see what happened on such Male Aspects in 1622 and 1650, and in next Time when $\textcircled{2}$ was in $\textcircled{5}$ Lord of the Eclipse. Many Evils will come to Scotland and Holland ; if they will not believe it, $\textcircled{3}$ will feel some of it, and England too ; for $\textcircled{2}$ is in $\textcircled{7}$ in $\textcircled{1}$ to $\textcircled{3}$ and $\textcircled{4}$ to $\textcircled{5}$ too. Expect much Distresses from evil Men. *Perdit ex te Anglia.* Expect Thunder and Storms near the end of June.

Take notice, who fall sick, that is, take to their Beds, at the Time of the Eclipse, God may restore them 'tis certain ; but if natural Causes take effect, they must do as their Fore-fathers have done.

I now come to treat on the last Eclipse of the Moon, which will rise totally eclipsed at the Time specified, about 22 deg. of $\textcircled{11}$ ascend, and 10 deg. of $\textcircled{22}$ found on the Mid-Heaven ; the Eclipse is 2 deg. 23 min. in $\textcircled{5}$ in the Asc. As far as the Signs of the Heavenly Bodies can prefigure any Thing, this Eclipse indicates no Good to the Poor, but rather the contrary ; the weakest do still go to the Wall. The $\textcircled{3}$ Lady of the 2d House, being affected and going to a $\textcircled{6}$ with $\textcircled{5}$ near the Ascend. nt, this, according to Art, must denote Poverty and Affliction to the common People ; (which has been found very frequent of late.) The Rich have many Friends, but the Poor is hated of his Neighbour, and often oppressed too. Good Observators write, such an Eclipse as this is followed by much Change in Offices and Places in the Government, and a Disposition to Quarrels or Wars, with much Treachery and Apostacy : That last Vice, I think, has been creeping on amongst us a good while ; witness the yearly Increase of new Sects and Schismatics. I might enlarge on several other Mutations typified from this Eclipse, similar to these above-named. I do not write them as Prophecies, but as probable general Predictions : No human Reason can foresee particular Events. Yet, though Eclipses are natural, they seldom if ever fail of being Forerunners of some remarkable Change in the World, as the Learned in all Ages have abundantly observed and testified :

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Cified: The same may be said to have followed great Conjunctions and Comets. Whoever will take Pains to consult History may easily learn, that generally whenever the Almighty has designed any impendent Judgment or great Mutation on a Kingdom, some visible Omen of it has been found near the Time in the Heavens, either by Eclipses or some prodigious Appearance. Plutarch tells us, that about the Time of Cesar's Death it was dark, with an Eclipse or otherways, in a Year. The Darknes at our Saviour's Death, though more miraculo, tends to the same Purport as above. After one of the Kings of Scotland was privately murdered, it is said the Sun appeared not from the Time he was murdered until it was found, which was six or seven Months. I lately found in a Treatise concerning Prophecy, that in the Year 626, the 5th Year of the Hegira, when Mahomet or Mohammed was employed in instructing his Followers in his false Doctiine and future Mischiefs and Depredations, the Sun was half dark from October to June: And nearer this Time, we are informed by Sleidan, that in 1547 the Sun was four Days obscured to all Germany, at which Time many lost their Way in the Day-Time. Many more Instances I could add of the like Prodigies: But these above I think sufficient to prove my Proposition; that as the Heavens declare the Glory of God, so also they do his Judgments to a Nation, for some notorious Wickednes they have committed, or are about to commit. And so I conclude what I intended relating to this Year's Eclipses with the following Scrap of Poetry.

These all th' Eclipses which this Year you'll find;
But all the Year some are eclips'd in Mind:
Such Men o'er whom these Vices do preside,
As Luxury, vile Lust, and stupid Pride,
Such blunder on, and always go astray,
And find no Light, although it be Mid-Day.

Some Judicials on the four QUARTERS of the Year.

First, On the WINTER QUARTER.

THE Winter Quarter begins, as I have often told you, when the Sun toucheth the Asterism named Capricorn, which is found to be December 21, 1767, at Midnight, or within

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within a Minute or two; at which Time will be found ☽
o deg. coming on upon the Ascendant; ☽ will be found in the
same Position on the 10th House; half a Degree can make no
Variation in Effects. The ☽ will be found separating from a
♂ ☽, and ♀ ☽, to a * ♀; the ☽ opposed by that malig-
nant Planet ☽, and ☽ has just passed his ☽: these are near
all the Aspects at this Ingress. I cannot procure any Intelligence
from the Stars, at this Crisis of the Sun, touching the demolish-
ing of the ~~Popes~~, or the final End of Papistry; though perhaps
the Writer may tell you more of it before *Christmas*. It is
my Opinion the Pope's Supremacy has been gradually declining
ever since *Martin Luther's* Time, and of late has had a vast
Sinking by the Banishment of the *Jesuits*, which Society have
continued 233 Years. That there will be a Downfall of *Rome*,
nothing is more certain; but I am not of the Mind that its
Destiny is to be learnt from the Stars, or to be foretold by the
great Conjunctions of ☽ and ♀. How many Mistakes have
Prognosticators made already, as I have observed, for a Century
past? One predicted its Fall in 1736; and now all such Pre-
dictions are considered as vain, insignificant Pretences, which
People give no Credit to; (no more than to great Men's Pro-
mises, which end in nothing.) I find about 100 Years ago, in
1666, a great Alarm was bruited about of the final Catastrophe
of *Rome*, not only by Astrologers, but by learned Expounders
of Prophesies; which then seemed to carry a shew of Truth in
them: For the *Hebrew Letters* that gave a Name for the
Romish King, gave an Import of the Number 666; which
when it failed, some of the *Romish* Crew retorted it on the
Londoners, whose City was that Year burnt. About that Time
many annual Predictors were too dogmatic of that 1666, what
it would produce. Mr. *Partridge*, and one since, have been
still fond of the same erroneous Notion. I remember, Sir *George Wharton* has a little punned on such unwarrantable Predictions,
in the following Verses, which were written in the Year 1666,
and which being a little varied, I might justly have applied to
the above Prediction in 1736.

“ Now fifteen Hundred sixty-six is come,
“ When as the Pope, some fay, will meet his Doom:
“ Who is’t that thinks that dreadful Day’s at hand?
“ I offer seven Years Purchase for his Land:

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" And if his Holiness doth dread his Chair,
" I'll take't myself, though 'tis but for a Year."

Observe further, if there is any Thing to be learnt of the future Event of the Destruction of *Rome*, let us have Recourse to the sure Word of Prophecy in Sacred Writ, to be found in the Revelations. The best Commentators have lately examined, and nicely taken and computed the Number ~~where written by St John~~ of Time, to be 1260 Days; which Days, in prophetic Writings, always mean Years. So the Period of the Reign of the Antichrist, or Man of Sin, was to be 1260 Years. Hence if there was or could be a fixed Certainty of the Year when Popery began, there might be drawn pretty just Conclusions of its final Period or Ruin. But the most unanimous Judgment of the best Interpreters of the Revelations is, that the Fall of that infamous Whore, the Church of *Rome*, will come to pass about the 2000th Year after *Christ*, and many believe *France* will be instrumental toward her Destruction, which it is supposed will be chiefly by Fire; though I guess many leading Evils and Overturns of Calamities will happen to *Rome* long before. I have much dropped my Subject, I own; but I hope may be excused and accepted as agreeable Predictions. I told you no Aspect was found of Note but the ☽ and ☿ in ♀ to *Saturn*: No Oppositions can be good, especially with such a mischievous Star as *Saturn*; which, according to Art, indicates much evil Council carried on at this Time; Jarring and Division, and some Disgrace to some great *Scatib* Officer; and much Robbery, and State-Robbery too. ♀ Signifier of the common People, and the ☿ too, one weak, the other affected, shews the Poor in Distress; still more Fasting among them, than Prayers used by the Rich. The afore Aspect shews cold moist Weather; it is found an *Apertio Portarum*, with ☽ and the ☽ and ☿; a cold *Christmas* I expect; so cold, that Charity and Honesty will be found like *May Flowers*, not to be seen: Religion I doubt will be found cold too.

Thus Times do change, which naturally they must,
From bad to bad,—when will they be at worst?

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Touching the SPRING QUARTER :

WHICH initiates March 19, 13 h. 42 m. 32 sec. P.M. or the 20th, 1 morn. 42 min. at the Time our Earth rolls into the first Scruple of *Libra*, and 22 deg. of ♈ ascend, and 26 of ♎ culminate. At this Ingress are Aspects found good and bad. The Lord of the Asc. in Δ to ♀; old *Saturn* casts a hateful \square to the Sun just before the Quarter begins. Most of our old Astrologers lay a great Stress on the preventional New and Full Moon, the same on the post-ventional New or Full; which I think of little or no Use to Judgment on Effects to ensue, though it was what *Ptolemy* taught. Instead of affording any Light into the Effects of the Stars, it rather clouds it, filling the Mind with Perplexity of a confused Jargon. So many things to be judged of, before you can deduce or form a fixed Judgment. If the Art of Astrology was to be modified or made correct, as Sir *Isaac Newton* has Astronomy, to bring it into a more minute Apparatus, and fewer Rules for Judgment, it would soon grow more improved, and avoid numerous Errors that it is loaded with at present. This requires more Room to be treated on as it ought to be, than I can spare at present: So I proceed to examine into secondary Causes or Signs, according to Art, of what Contingencies may happen this Quarter. ♀ Lord of the Asc. in the 9th in Δ to ♀, shews a good Time to go long Journeys. ♀ in the 2d shews Money is to be got by Journeys, but chiefly to those whose Nativities correspond; short Journeys too will bring Pleasure, though not quite so much Profit. *Saturn* being in the 7th, I would not advise any to go long Journeys for a Wife; for generally it is not good to travel too far for a Wife; Experience teacheth it is a great Hazard. ♀ rules the Asc. an Indication that the Poor will find the Times less severe than of late. ♀ in \square to the ☽ seems as if the Effects of some evil Counsel, hatched at the last Quarter, began to be more apparent now: *London* seems to be the Stage where the Scene will diffuse itself, though I wish them Peace and Plenty, yet I fear it or doubt it. But great are the Mysteries of Nature, and abstruse is the Art to pry into them. The Influences of the Stars are

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all acted by the Decrees of Heaven, though it is difficult to know what these Decrees are; no human Judgment can be certain of particular Events.

So what our Intellects can't discover,
Time will reveal when the Thing is over.

Judgment on the SUMMER QUARTER.

WHICH begins June 30, within ~~24~~ ²⁴ min. of ~~Midnight~~ ¹² at the Time asc. 24 deg. 1 on the fort. 28 deg. I cannot well omit taking notice, at the two preceding ingresses and this, that the fly Make-bate *Saturn* looks with an evil Eye on the Sun; besides the Sun is afflicted with ~~3~~'s \square , $\mathbb{4}$ Lord of the Asc in \square to \mathfrak{Q} , and *Saturn* the same to *Mars*. Can any Good be expected from such Male Aspects? Surely no: I must deviate from the Principles of this Art, if I write or predict any Good. All Men that understand the Dialect of the Stars know the Sun typifieth great Men in Power, from the Emperor down to a Town-Mayor, or Constable: *Saturn* is Representative of old Men, Farmers, Countrymen, and Men employed in dirty Work, and all *Monks*, *Jesuits*, and *Methodists*; between these two Sorts you may expect to hear this Quarter of some Opposition, Quarrel, or uncommon Disturbance or Strife, fomented from this and both the former evil Aspects. I have much to insist on, had I Room; but in short, as I am drawing toward a Conclusion, I conjecture, how much soever Knavery and Thievery and other like Vices have been observed of late, it will be much more found so this Quarter. The Lord of the Asc. in \square to \mathfrak{Q} usually opens a Door for Diseases, which I believe will be found too true; and the \odot partly Lord of the 8th, in \mathfrak{Q} with \mathfrak{L} Lord of a great Part of the Asc. looks as if Death would bring a *Habeas Corpus* and seize on many People diseased in the Breast. I seem to apprehend some Caviller will object against some Points I wrote on the Effects of Eclipses, where it is said, that as the Properties of Simples were learnt at first only by Observation and Experience, so in Length of Time the Effects of Eclipses and the rest were found out only by good Observations. Take notice I do not affirm the Knowledge of the one is equally so apparent or infallible as the other: But as the Virtue of Herbs were learnt by observing and Experience, so the Effects of Eclipses, and other Branches of the *Astral*

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Astral Knowledge, have their Basis from Observation and Experience only. So I end my annual Labour with my sincere Prayer to God, to bless our King with Wisdom, Power, and Peace; and that, in his Days, Truth and Justice, Religion and Piety may abound; and that God may direct the Hearts of all his Subjects to choose for their Representatives in Parliament Men of Integrity, that abhor Covetousness, if it may be. *Amen*. Let all my Readers say *Amen*.

Some short Disquisition concerning the late Agues or intermitting Fevers.

THREE has not in my Memory been observed the like Number, nor such frequent Relapses of Agues and Fevers of the intermitting Sort; though few (that I know of at least) have made any Scrutiny or adequate Inquiry into the natural Philosophical Reason, or primary Causes of them, which I imagine cannot be very abstruse to investigate to any one that has a tolerable Acquaintance with the animal Economy and the Circulation of the Fluids, together with the Causes and essential Constitution of such Fevers, and a just Rationale of Medicine. The three principal Causes of the late Agues, and their swift Return, were first, from the unseasonable Coldness of the Air by turns; secondly, from the Insufficiency of common hackney Medicines that were then used; and thirdly, from the Untractableness and ill Management of sick Patients in the Ague touching the Non-naturals. Last Year three or four of the first Months were cold, and not only cold, but very changeable of a sudden, and uncommonly irregular as to hot and cold, more than had been known for many Years: And there is nothing found more inimicable to Nature than sudden Changes, which we can at no Time bear without being exposed to Hurt. And at the Introduction of Spring the perspiratory Ducts or Pores of our Body gradually begin to grow larger and more extended than in the preceding Winter; by which means, when the circumambient Air is all of a sudden grown cold to any Extreme, it always closes up and obstructs that Matter that ought to perspire, and so it is thrown on the Fluids, and obstructs some Gland, or several; For, as Mr. *Lowenhoek* has observed, that one Point of our *Cutis* or Skin has 125000 Orifices, and that one Grain of Sand will cover these numerous small Ducts: And when the cold Air has stopped up these numerous Discharges,

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what a Quantity of Matter must be retained in the Blood, whereby the Solids are relaxed and weakened; so that they are rendered unable to break or divide the viscous Particles of Matter which will soon run into Contact and Cohesion, which soon produces a putrefactive Ferment, that causes Obstructions in the Pancreas, and other lateral Ducts. This is one, if not the prime Rise of an Ague, which is much en- brought on by the Crudity of a phlegmy Constitution, and weak Nerves, so as to alter the Nature of the Fluids, or relax the Solids. A second Reason of Agues not being cured, or their frequent Relapses, was from People's sole Dependance on the Bark, without being prepared in any suitable Way to use it; or they used it at any Time, paying no Regard to the Crisis of the Disease, or the Concoction of the morbid Matter. There is not, nor ever will be any Rule found to perfect the Cure of the afore-named Disorder, without some proper Evacuations first used to carry off the Viscosities that obstruct and raise the Ferment in the Blood: Neither will it alone, be it ever so much taken, make any lasting Cure in a Case, any Way ob- stinate, or where the Springines of the Nerves is much relaxed; but does require several more auxiliary Assistancess; such as proper Stomachic bitter Aromatics, and some ponderous Medicines that will give Spring and Force to the Fibres; which was omitted last Spring by many who prescribed Medicines. A third Reason why so many Agues missed Cure, or returned, was the Poverty of many, who had nothing to drink but Water; and at that Time the Blood was so much impoverished by the Distemper, that it then required somewhat to constringe the Fibres and Solids; whereas Water acts the direct contrary. And hence it was that the Distemper was so apt to return in such Persons, after the first Cure.

Let this inform the Publick,

THAT the Author of this, licensed Physician and Surgeon, has, for above thirty Years, prepared an excellent Dentifrice for the Teeth, to cleanse, strengthen, and preserve them; and cleanseth the Gums from all senebitic Proctions, which taint the Gums or decay the Teeth, preserving them in some till old Age; as thousands will attest in Town and Country. Sold 8d. per Bottle, being lately bigger, and Allowance made to a Seller. He also cures Wens and Scrophulous Swellings without cutting; and has cured more than any ever did in *Wiltshire*.—He only prepares Sir *Hans Sloan's* famous Eye-Ointment, and has found it answer the great Character *Hans* hath given of it.—And for twenty Years has made it his Study to investigate the Cure of the Rickets, and cured many last Year.

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